**Statement by Kazakhstan**

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Kazakhstan welcomes the comprehensive efforts of the Government of Sri Lanka aimed at protecting and promoting human rights and freedoms. Particularly, my delegation commends the major national and local reforms of Sri Lanka aimed at accelerating the implementation of the human rights of vulnerable groups and combating violence against women and children, human trafficking as well as amending the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) making it in line with international standards.

In this context, Kazakhstan **recommends** to Sri Lanka:

- Continue the effective implementation of the National Environmental Action Plan 2022-2030;

- Strengthen cooperation and constructive engagement with the UN agencies.

We wish the delegation of Sri Lanka a successful review.