**Statement of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tajikistan on the**

**4th Cycle of the UPR of the Sri Lanka**

Thank you, Mr President.

Republic of Tajikistan thanks the esteemed delegation of Sri Lanka for the comprehensive presentation of the national report and for the efforts made to implement 177 accepted recommendations and 12 voluntary pledges undertaken by Sri-Lanka during the previous cycle of the UPR.

Tajikistan appreciates measures taken by Sri Lanka to address gender-related issues. We welcome the progress in achieving gender equality and women’s advancement in social, economic and political settings through law reforms, gender responsive policies and action plans.

In constructive spirit my delegation would like to recommend the following:

1. Increase efforts on strengthening protection of children’s rights in the areas of child labour, domestic violence and trafficking;
2. Further strengthen efforts in human rights training and education, and improve awareness of human rights in the education system.

We wish delegation of Sri Lanka every success in today’s review.

Thank you.