

Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka

- Right of Reply - General Debate - Agenda Item 2

Mr President,

Sri Lanka wishes to exercise its right of reply in response to the statement made under Item 4 - General Debate - by Canada, Sweden and Slovakia.

Sri Lanka strongly refutes the assertion of attacks on the independence of the judiciary and wishes to reiterate that due process and constitutional requirements have been followed in relation to the impeachment of the former Chief Justice.

Sri Lanka wishes to reiterate that as a founding member of the Commonwealth, it is firmly committed to the values and principles of the Organisation. Our longstanding engagement and commitment to the Commonwealth is demonstrated by our serious undertaking to host the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in November 2013.