

Explanation of vote of the delegation of Sri Lanka

Mr. President,

Sri Lanka is of the firm view that when adopting country specific resolutions it should be done in consultation and with the consent of the country concerned in order to contribute to our common goal in enhancing the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue, aimed at strengthening the capacity of Member States to comply with their human rights obligations as envisaged in UNGA resolution 60/251. As we are all aware, resolution 60/251 also recognizes the importance of ensuring universality, objectivity and non-selectivity in the consideration of human rights issues, culminating in the elimination of double standards and politicization.

Further adequate consideration must be given to the capacity building needs of the concerned state. It is imperative therefore that this Council continues to be guided by the principles as contained in resolution 60/251 and seek to engage in constructive international dialogue and cooperation, in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you.