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Sri Lanka rejects inference that the presence of the military contributes to the insecurity of women and girls in the former conflict-affected areas

Sri Lanka has strongly rejected the inference that the presence of the military contributes to the insecurity of women and girls in the former conflict-affected areas.

Exercising a 'Right of Reply' with regard to the statement made during the General Debate under Agenda Item 4 by Canada, claiming 'ongoing use of rape and sexual violence by Sri Lankan security forces against perceived government opponents,' Sri Lanka said this claim is not substantiated by verifiable data or evidence. It was noted that any allegations supported by credible evidence are dealt with firmly by the authorities and legal action has been taken by the Government in all cases in which the Sri Lankan security personnel have been involved.

Full statement is attached.

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