



**Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
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Mr. President,

Sri Lanka notes the Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar.

We congratulate Myanmar for continuing to move forward in its democratic transition and reform process. We observe that since the emergence of the constitutional Government three years ago, Myanmar has made significant progress on the ground in addressing its human rights obligations. Notable among these is the adoption of legislation to pave the way for the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission in line with Paris Principles. We also observe the emergence of a new political culture of dialogue and cooperation in the country.

Myanmar has continued to constructively engage and cooperate with the international community, the United Nations and the Human Rights Council. Further, notwithstanding Myanmar's opposition to country-specific action, as a matter of principal, it has continued to cooperate with

the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, including by receiving him in the country on nine occasions.

Mr. President,

Sri Lanka in this regard reiterates its consistent position that any action taken in the promotion and protection of human rights of a country must have the consent of that country, and be based on the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue, and on the founding principles of universality, impartiality, non-selectivity which govern the work of the Council, as stipulated in GA resolution 60/251 and the IB package. Sri Lanka also believes that the UPR mechanism is the appropriate platform to address the human rights situations of all countries in a uniform, objective and constructive spirit of engagement.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, we encourage the Council to engage in a positive dialogue with Myanmar giving due regard to the tangible developments on the ground, as well as cooperation demonstrated by the Government.

I thank you.