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30th Session of the UN Human Rights Council

**Consideration of Draft Resolution titled “Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka”
(A/HRC/30/L.29)**

**India’s Explanation of Vote after the Vote delivered by
Ambassador/PR Ajit Kumar**

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes to make this explanation of vote after the vote in connection with the resolution titled “promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka”, that was adopted by the Council by consensus under the Agenda Item 2.

The Consensus Resolution, co-sponsored by Sri Lanka, underscores the collective desire of Sri Lankans expressed in elections earlier this year for change, reconciliation and unity and the rejection of extremist voices.

Mr. President,

As Sri Lanka's closest neighbour, India cannot remain untouched by developments in that country. India has always supported efforts to preserve Sri Lanka's character as a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-religious society in which all citizens, including the Sri Lankan Tamil community, can live in equality, safety and harmony, and prosper and fulfil their aspirations within a united Sri Lanka.

Towards this direction, we reiterate our firm belief that the meaningful devolution of political authority through the implementation of the 13th Amendment of the Constitution of Sri Lanka and building upon it would greatly help the process of national reconciliation in Sri Lanka.

We hope that with the sagacity and political will of its leadership and the support of its people, Sri Lanka will achieve genuine reconciliation and development.
