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**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

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**Item 10: Technical assistance and capacity-building**

*The report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
on Sri Lanka*

General Debate

Mr. President,

My name is Dr. Manoharan.

On 2 January 2006 the Sri Lankan Special Task Forces (STF) murdered my beloved son Ragihar on a beach in Trincomalee.<sup>1</sup>

Today, nine long years have passed since my son's murder with no justice from Sri Lankan courts.

My family and I had to leave the country as there is no adequate witness protection in the country.

I am thankful to the Human Rights Council for taking this first step towards to truth and justice with this comprehensive report. Our case, the Trinco 5 case, is featured in the OISL report.<sup>2</sup>

I beg you to make good on your promises to victims' families. Sri Lanka needs help from the international community.

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<sup>1</sup> Sri Lanka: Ensuring justice: protecting human rights for Sri Lanka's future, index number: ASA 37/011/2014, 7 October 2014 at <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/011/2014/en/>. See page 20 and footnote 76.

<sup>2</sup> Report of the OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL), A/HRC/30/CRP.2, 16 September 2015. See paragraph 1237 and following at page 241.