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Sri Lanka**

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Madame Vice President,

We thank the High Commissioner for the presentation of the report today.

Albania welcomes the Report of the OHCHR on Sri Lanka as well as the findings of the OISL special team that investigated in the country.

We appreciate the change in Sri Lanka cooperation with the international mechanism and special procedures since the coming into power of the new Government in the country.

We warmly welcome the fair and free parliamentary elections and presidential elections held in January and August 2015 respectively and the significant improvement on opening space for fundamental freedoms, which are courageous step towards democracy in Sri Lanka.

While we express concern for the reports of ongoing violations of Human Right, we put our confidence in the Sri Lanka Government to deliver on its commitments to address and end these violations.

The way forward must include a process that will bring to the Sri Lanka people, truth, justice and reconciliation. We therefore welcome the reports conclusions and recommendations.

Very serious human rights violation and violations of humanitarian law during the past years documented in the report must be properly investigated with credible, impartial, independent and transparent mechanism aiming to ensure full accountability.

In this regard we agree with the OHCHR assessment that capacity of the Sri Lanka criminal justice system to deliver on this regard, considering the actual post – conflict political situation, is challenging. We believe the internal accountability mechanism is not fully in position to address the long standing patterns of serious violations of Human Rights and put an end to impunity.

Therefore, we encourage Sri Lanka to take fundamental reforms in the Justice system and implement the reports recommendations on this regard.

We fully support the Resolution in Sri Lanka, which is a milestone to the accountability process in Sri Lanka, and we applaud the positive and constructive engagement of the Sri Lanka authorities on the negotiation of the draft resolution which we encourage all states to adopt by consensus.

We stand ready to assist Sri Lanka further on its democratic and peace process.

Thank you.

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Second Secretary