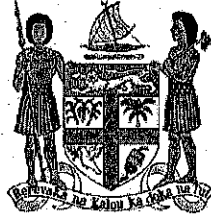


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Statement on behalf of Fiji on the Report of the OHCHR Investigation into Sri Lanka, delivered by Ms. Namita Khatri, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva.

Fiji notes the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the OHCHR investigation on Sri Lanka, submitted to this Council in accordance with [A/HRC/25/1](#) adopted in March 2014.

Fiji also notes the positive response by the Sri Lankan Government to this report, including its openness to remaining engaged with the High Commissioner and his Office aimed at taking steps to safeguard and uphold the human rights of all Sri Lankan citizens.

Fiji also notes the many positive steps taken by the Government and people of Sri Lanka in the years since the end of the civil war to ensure accountability for all crimes, democratic values and the rule of law. Fiji understands the serious implications on development when a country is forced to contain and control political and social instability. Fiji also understands the vulnerability of a State and its peace and security, when ethnic, and sectarian insecurities are manipulated to achieve political ends. We have suffered and we know how difficult it is to achieve peace, maintain human dignity and preserve the rule of law when the forces of ethnic suspicion and distrust threaten the very fabric of the State.

Fiji commends the steps taken by the new government in Sri Lanka to address post-conflict issues that impact on achieving reconciliation and durable peace. We agree that the best approach to this, and to achieving justice for all in Sri Lanka, is a consultative approach with all stakeholders, including those in the international community best placed to assist. As such, we agree that Sri Lanka should be given time, space, support, and encouragement to continue in the path it is currently following, to rebuild a strong, equal and democratic society. Such an approach would be well supported by international participation in a manner that would allow equally for a credible process for all seeking justice, and equally for a durable peace.

We congratulate Sri Lanka and the co-sponsors of the resolution on Human Rights in Sri Lanka on achieving a positive and consensus resolution on the matter.

I thank you Mr. President.