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**Statement by Myanmar Delegation
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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka for providing updates on domestic reconciliation process and the progress in implementing the LLRC National Plan of Action.

We are pleased to observe the continued engagement and cooperation of Sri Lanka with the Council and its regular mechanisms. We take note that the previous High Commissioner paid the longest official visit to the country, with unfettered access. In addition, the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs and the Special Rapporteur on Migrants visited Sri Lanka at the invitation of the government. My delegation is also aware that the Government of Sri Lanka has extended an invitation to the Special Rapporteurs on Education.

Reconciliation, rehabilitation and reconstruction work after 30 years of the conflict in Sri Lanka is no easy task. We are mindful that, despite the numerous challenges, Sri Lanka remains committed in its reconciliation process. It has the national plan of action to implement the recommendations of the LLRC, and necessary implementation mechanisms are also put in place.

Mr. President,

The Council mandated the OHCHR to carry out the investigation against Sri Lanka which, in our view, contravenes the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which does not authorize the organization to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state. My delegation firmly believes that only the constructive engagement and genuine dialogue would help address human rights challenges. Increasingly using human rights as a political tool, with undue pressure, could have a negative impact on the good image and credibility of the Council.

I thank you, Mr. President.
