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Adoption of the Resolution A/HRC/34/L.1,
'Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka',

Statement by
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, MP.,
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka

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Adoption of the Resolution A/HRC/34/L.1 'Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka'

Mr. President,

I wish to thank all the members of this Council and the Observer States for the support that they have extended for the adoption of Resolution A/HRC/34/L.1 titled '*Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka*', by consensus.

We deeply appreciate the understanding shown by all, and support for Sri Lanka's processes for promoting reconciliation, justice, and human rights, towards enduring peace and prosperity for all Sri Lankans.

On January 8th 2015, we made a promise to our people that we will engage and work with all stakeholders including our friends and partners, to uphold human rights, establish rule of law, end impunity, strengthen democracy and good governance, and create the stability and peace required in our country for the prosperity of all our people. We thank the international community for their continued support in this journey. We thank them for placing their faith in our government, and our people, and for walking with us at our side, as we strive to establish '**Sri Lankan Government-led processes**' with international assistance, engagement and support for the benefit of all our citizens, without discrimination.

We look to your continued support. We also look to the continued support of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and his Office.

Thank you.