

Statement by
His Excellency Dr Asim Ahmed
Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Maldives to the United
Nations and other International Organizations at Geneva
Item 2: Interactive Dialogue on Report of OHCHR on Sri Lanka
51st Session of the Human Rights Council
12 September 2022

Thank you, Mr. President,

The Maldives takes note of the OHCHR report and the oral remarks by the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Mr. President,

Sri Lanka is a close friend and neighbour of the Maldives. We have always been supportive of Sri Lanka's efforts to overcome the challenges related to the development of the country through its well-established democratic processes. In this regard, we take positive note of the progress made by Sri Lanka in reconciliation and in the field of human rights.

Mr. President,

The Maldives strongly believes that the support and cooperation of the international community is vital for Sri Lanka to overcome the social and economic challenges that it is facing at the moment. As such, we appeal to all relevant parties to engage in efforts that would bring peace, stability and prosperity

to the people of Sri Lanka. We are confident that the Government of Sri Lanka will continue to cooperate with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, in accordance with their national priorities, to realize the aspirations of Sri Lankan people.

I thank you.