



Letter of Cooperation

Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on UPR Implementation

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's human rights record was reviewed for the third time on 15 November 2017 at the United Nations in Geneva, during the 28th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review. At the review, 88 States made a total of 230 recommendations to Sri Lanka.

On 19 March 2017, the Human Rights Council's 37th session adopted Sri Lanka's Working Group Report on the Universal Periodic Review, and the Government accepted 177 of the received recommendations.

Within the UPR framework, cooperation is encouraged among all the stakeholders during the implementation of UPR recommendations, towards the advancement of human rights and freedoms. Therefore, the representatives from the Government of Sri Lanka and civil society present today came together for a dialogue and agreed on enhancing their mutual understanding and to discuss future collaboration for the implementation of UPR recommendations.

As a result of the dialogue, participants have agreed to pursue the following aims:

- ❖ Support participation of all relevant stakeholders in the implementation process of recommendations from the Universal Periodic Review, and other human rights bodies; and
- ❖ Hold annual multi-stakeholder meetings to assess implementation of UPR recommendations, and to identify solutions to obstacles.

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