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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee) and has the honour to refer to its communication dated 25 September 2013 transmitted to all Permanent Missions in Geneva with regard to a Questionnaire on Enhancement on International Cooperation in the field of Human Rights.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka has the honour to transmit herewith the response received from the Ministry of Justice of the Government of Sri Lanka to the aforementioned Questionnaire.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of this communication by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee) the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**Enhancement of International Cooperation in the field of human rights:
Questionnaire**

Observations by the Government of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Justice

Question 1

In my opinion, a priority area in which international cooperation in the field of human rights should be further enhanced is the enhancement and strengthening of the National Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka.

Question 2

As regards international migration, it is observed that foreign employment contracts entered into by the migrant worker and the agent of the foreign employer are not adhered to as per its terms and conditions. When the migrant worker goes abroad he very often finds that the work and remuneration, etc, are different from what he has signed to in Sri Lanka.

It is also important to protect the fundamental human rights of the migrant worker and to harness international cooperation in promoting decent working and living conditions for the migrant worker.

International cooperation is also needed to provide equal access to justice in the host countries. Very often, the migrant worker is not even provided with communication facilities. Also they are not able to take advantage of the labour laws in the host countries.

Question 4

Sri Lanka Government has drafted a National Plan of Action on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (NHRAP) in the context of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Progress with regard to the implementation of the NHRAP was presented by the Sri Lanka delegation during its UPR Second Review in November 2012. The Government is in the process of continuing implementation of the NHRAP at present.