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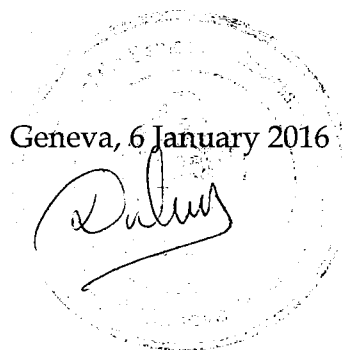
The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to its communication dated 25 September 2015, transmitted to all Permanent Missions in Geneva with regard to a Human Rights Council Resolution 27/14 titled, 'Preventable mortality and morbidity of children under five years of age as a human rights concern'.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka has the honour to transmit herewith the response received from the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs of the Government of Sri Lanka to the aforementioned communication. The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka wishes note that this response has also been directly forwarded to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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 the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 6 January 2016



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Preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age as a human rights concerns – HRC Resolution 27/14

1. Has your Government disseminated the Technical Guidance (TG) or is planning to disseminate it? (Please specify the target audiences)

	Technical Guidance (TG)	Beneficiaries (Audience) *	Remarks
a)	TG on "Early Child hood Development Standards" (ECDS)	Stake holding ministries (health, education) Provincial councils, Divisional level authorities, Field officers in Child sector, Preschool teachers	One national level workshop implemented, Balance have been planned to implement
b)	TG on "Minimum Standards for Early Child hood Development centers" ( Starting Right)	Stake holding ministries (health, education) Provincial councils, Divisional level authorities, Field officers in Child sector, Preschool teachers	Already had disseminated (need to update)
c)	TG on "Home Based Early Child hood care and Development"	Stake holding ministries (health, education) Provincial councils, Divisional level authorities, Field officers in Child sector, Preschool teachers, parents	Already had disseminated. At the same time, continuously being disseminated as target group is continuously adding
d)	TG on "Water, Hygiene and Sanitary (WASH) Standards for Pre Schools"	Stake holding ministries (health, education, Water and Irrigation) Provincial councils, Divisional level authorities, Field officers in Child sector, Preschool teachers	Planned to disseminate in year 2016
e)	TG on "Disaster and Risk Reduction ( DRR) for preschool children"	Stake holding ministries (health, education, Disaster Management) Provincial councils, Divisional level authorities, Field officers in Child sector, Preschool teachers	Planned to disseminate in year 2016
f)	TG on guidelines for Day Care Centers	Stake holding ministries (health, education,) Probation Authorities, Provincial councils, Divisional level authorities, Field officers in Child sector, Institutions carting out day care center services	Already having guidelines. Had planned to update and disseminate

\* Due to financial constrains and Human Resource capacity limitations in addressing all teachers and parents, all the beneficiaries in country of particular categories will not receive the chance.

2. Is your government planning to use/ or has used in Technical Guidance (TG) in the development, evaluation and/or revision of existing laws, policies and plans of action on prevention of child mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age ?

- a) "Minimum Standards for Early Childhood Development centers" (Starting Right) and "Home Based Early Childhood care and Development" had been incorporated for the "Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development" (2004).
- b) Water, Hygiene and Sanitary (WASH) Standards for Pre Schools, "Disaster and Risk Reduction (DRR) for preschool children" and guidelines for Day Care Centers had been planned to incorporate for the "Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development" new revision.
- c) Converting "Early Childhood Development Standards" into "National Standards" through a cabinet paper is in the initial stage and it will cover the "Healthy living practices" and "Personal safety" of children in 3-5 age, while measuring competency level of children.
- d) Incorporating all above in to an act on Early Childhood Care and Development.

3. Have efforts been made to use the Technical Guidance (TG) to improve health and care provision for new born and young children?

The efforts have been made through capacity building programs for field level officers and preschool teachers, also awareness programs for parents of these children. Mean time efforts have been made of using following Technical Guidance (TG) to improve health and care provision for new born and young children through incorporating them into preschool teachers' diploma/certificate curriculum and preschoolers' syllabus frame outs.

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b)	TG on "Minimum Standards for Early Childhood Development centers" (Starting Right)
c)	TG on "Home Based Early Childhood care and Development"
d)	TG on "Water, Hygiene and Sanitary (WASH) Standards for Pre Schools"
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