

Promoting Reconciliation and Accountability in Sri Lanka

U.S. Introductory Statement

Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates,

The United States is pleased to present for adoption this draft resolution "Promoting Reconciliation and Accountability in Sri Lanka". There are [inserted on floor] co-sponsors of this text.

This resolution follows up on last year's resolution 19/2, encouraging the Government of Sri Lanka to take the necessary steps to foster genuine reconciliation, needed accountability, and a lasting peace following 27 years of civil war.

As made clear in the detailed report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Sri Lanka must take meaningful action on reconciliation and accountability, and address the growing concerns over the deteriorating human rights situation.

This resolution welcomes and acknowledges important progress that has been made in certain areas in Sri Lanka, but also recognizes that much remains to be done. Through this resolution, we encourage the Government of Sri Lanka to implement the constructive recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) and the recommendations in the High Commissioner's report, to take additional measures to fulfill its obligations and commitments.

on accountability and reconciliation, and to address concerns on issues of rule of law and human rights in Sri Lanka. The United States stands ready to assist with this vital work.

In addition, this resolution highlights the constructive role of the OHCHR and special procedures mandate holders in providing technical assistance and advice on addressing these concerns, encouraging the government of Sri Lanka to cooperate with those actors.

The United States is grateful for the active and constructive engagement on this text, which reflects input from a wide range of cross-regional delegations. We are committed to working constructively with Sri Lanka and the international community to help address these challenges. To that end, together with all of our co-sponsors and supporters, the United States asks that this Council adopt this resolution.

Thank you.