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Thank you Mr President distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen
The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka pleased to attend the 14th state party meeting
of Ottawa Convention

SRI LANKA JOINED THE CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTION WEAPONS (CCW) in
2004 INCLUDING AMENDED PROTOCOL 11 ON LAND-MINES, BOOBY TRAPS AND
OTHER DEVICES. SINCE HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION RESUMED IN POST WAR SRI
LANKA, THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA IN MANY WAYS COMPLIED WITH ANTI-
PERSONAL MINE BAN CONVENTION.

FOLLOWING THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT SINCE JANUARY 2015 ELECTIONS,
THERE IS A PARADIGM SHIFT IN THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT. PRESENTLY MY
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING SERIOUSLY TO ACCEDE TO THE ANTI PERSONAL MINE
BAN TREATY AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY. THERE ARE POSITIVE SIGNALS THAT MY
GOVERNMENT MAY DECIDE TO BE A STATE PARTY WITHIN THE COURSE OF NEXT
YEAR. THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SEE SRI LANKA AGAIN A COMMITTED MEMBER
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE DISARMAMENT AND
HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION