



Mr. Chairman,

Allow my delegation to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the Third Committee

The delegation of Sri Lanka associates itself with the statement made by Algeria on behalf of the G77 and China.

Sri Lanka has consistently reaffirmed its support for the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as

the overarching framework of principle and policy for the achievement of women's development and

the Penal Code (Amendment) Act of 2006 which includes a new definition of the offence of trafficking in persons in line with the UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols,

and also the establishment of the Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, and

the adoption of the Sri Lanka National Policy on Labour Migration which focuses on concerns of migrant women workers.

The Committee also commended Sri Lanka's commitment to formulate a National Action Plan for the



propaganda and other forms of manipulation and coercion were utilized to boost the cadre of the terrorists. After the end of the conflict, it became the responsibility of the Government of Sri Lanka to take over nearly 12,000 persons who surrendered or were taken into custody. Pursuant to a proper legal

conflict – were screened and the vast majority submitted to rehabilitation programmes. It is with a degree of satisfaction that I am able to inform this Committee that we have been able to process, rehabilitate and reintegrate 10,985 ex-combatants. This includes 2,240 women ex-combatants. The remaining number of