

## **Informal Exchange of Views with European Union Member States ahead of Sri Lanka's UPR, 42nd UPR Session, Human Rights Council**

**Recommendations by the UPR Project at BCU (Cited in the OHCHR's Summary of Stakeholders' Submissions as "UPR Project at BCU") (A/HRC/WG.6/42/LKA/3)**

### **Recommendations for EUMS to provide for Sri Lanka's UPR:**

#### *Death Penalty:*

- Uphold and enforce its international obligations to safeguard the right to life, pursuant to **Articles 6, 7 and 14 of the ICCPR**.
- Whilst it retains the death penalty, ensure it complies with the '**most serious crimes' principle, under Article 6 ICCPR**, which restricts punishment to crimes of intentional killing only.
- Ratify the **Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR** aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
- **Formalise its de facto moratorium**, with a view to abolition, within the next three years.
- Ensure its NHRI, Human Rights Commission Sri Lanka, complies fully with the **Paris Principles** and provide it with a mandate on legislative abolition of the death penalty.
- Ensure its prisons comply with the **United Nations' Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners**.

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