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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia
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Review of Benin**

Madam President,

Latvia would like to thank the delegation of Benin for the comprehensive national report, its presentation today and their constructive engagement in the UPR process.

After studying carefully the national report and other relevant documents, we note that Benin has strengthened its cooperation with special procedures of the Human Rights Council. We also note with appreciation that Benin has taken preparatory work to ensure the visit of Special Rapporteur on the sale of children. Latvia **recommends** to Benin to step up the cooperation with the special procedures and eventually consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Thank you, Madam President.