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Statement of the Republic of Latvia 14th session of the UPR Review of Pakistan

Madam President,

Latvia would like to thank the delegation of Pakistan 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 Pakistan has made efforts to improve its cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council. However, we also note that a significant number of requests by the special procedures mandate holders to visit Pakistan have not been accepted yet. Latvia **recommends** to Pakistan to step up its cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests of special procedures mandate holders and eventually consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders of Human Rights Council.

Latvia also recommends to Pakistan to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to fully align its legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute, including incorporating the Rome Statute definition of crimes and general principles, as well as adopting provisions enabling cooperation with the Court.

Thank you, Madam President.