

Statement of the Republic of Latvia
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Review of Sri Lanka

Madam President,

Latvia would like to thank the delegation of Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka 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 Sri Lanka have not been accepted yet. Latvia **recommends** to Sri Lanka to step up its cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests of the special procedures mandate holders and eventually consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia **also recommends** to Sri Lanka 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.