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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia
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Review of Tonga**

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Tonga and thanks them for the comprehensive national report, its presentation today and their constructive engagement in the UPR process.

We welcome the positive steps taken by Tonga to demonstrate its commitment to human rights.

Latvia would like to touch upon the issue of standing invitations to the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the issue Latvia addressed during the first review of Tonga. While no requests have been made by special procedure mandate holders to visit Tonga, Latvia **recommends** to Tonga to consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia **also recommends** to Tonga to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to fully align its legislation with all 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, Mr. President.