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Statement of the Republic of Latvia
16th session of the UPR
Review of Bangladesh

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh to their second cycle of UPR and thanks H.E. Ms. Ripu. Moni for presentation of the national report and constructive engagement of Bangladesh in the UPR process.

We note with appreciation that since the first review Bangladesh has extended an invitation to several special procedures mandate holders to visit the country; however we also note that a significant number of requests by the special procedures have not been accepted yet. In this regard, we would like to **recommend** to Bangladesh to step up its cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests and consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia welcomes the decision of Bangladesh to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. We **recommend** to Bangladesh to review its national legislation in order to ensure its full alignment with the obligations under the Rome Statute, including adoption of the provisions enabling the cooperation with the Court.

Thank you, Mr. President.