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Statement of the Republic of Latvia
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Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan to its second cycle of the UPR and thanks them for the comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

With reference to the role of special procedures in promotion of human rights we note that a significant number of requests by the special procedures mandate holders to visit Uzbekistan have not been accepted yet. Latvia **recommends** to Uzbekistan to step up its cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests and eventually consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia notes with appreciation that Uzbekistan has signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in the year 2000. In this regard we would like to **recommend** to Uzbekistan to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to fully align its legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute.

Thank you, Mr. President.