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Statement of the Republic of Latvia

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Review of China

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of China and thanks them for the comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

We note the achievements of China to protect and promote human rights in the country. My delegation particularly welcomes in the context of future goals set by China to address rights of women to equal participation in public affairs.

In accordance with national report China has set up national institutional framework tasked to pursue administrative and legislative reforms in preparation for ratifying the ICCPR. Within this context, Latvia **recommends** China to continue its national reforms with an aim to ratify the ICCPR. Latvia also **recommends** China to explore options to accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Finally, we note both the cooperation of China with special procedures and the pending visit requests by special procedures mandate holders. To that end, we **recommend** China to step up cooperation with the special procedures and to consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

I thank you, Mr. President!