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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia
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Review of Malaysia**

Mr. President,

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

We note with appreciation the withdrawal of Malaysia its reservations to the Convention to Eliminate all forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Within this context, Latvia **recommends** Malaysia to continue exploring possibilities to extend its international commitments, in particular to consider ratification of ICCPR and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

While acknowledging the important role of special procedures in promotion and protection of human rights, Latvia **recommends** Malaysia to continue to strengthen 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 mandates holders.

Thank you, Mr. President.