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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia
18th session of the UPR
Review of Eritrea**

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Eritrea and thanks them for the national report.

During the first review delegation of Latvia made recommendation to Eritrea to step up cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council. We note that the requests of special procedures to visit the country have not been accepted yet. We wish to reiterate our previous recommendation and recommend Government of Eritrea to improve 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 special procedures mandates holders of Human Rights Council.

In addition, Latvia would like to offer Eritrea the following recommendations:

First, to ratify Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Second, 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.