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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia
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Review of Yemen**

Mr. President,

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

My delegation notes the steps taken by Yemen to improve the human rights situation in the country. We particularly welcome the recommendations of National Dialogue Conference to advance the situation of women. We encourage Yemen to continue its efforts to bring its national policies and legislation in line with the relevant obligations of CEDAW convention.

Latvia would like to offer to Yemen the following recommendations:

First, 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.

Second, 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.