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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia  
20<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR  
Review of Egypt**

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Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Egypt to the second cycle of the UPR.

My delegation takes positive note of recent adoption of new Constitution which contains extensive human rights guarantees and, in particular enhances protection of the rights of women. However, we also note that challenges remain to achieve equality between women and men as enshrined in the Constitution. In this regard, we **recommend** Government of Egypt to take appropriate steps to amend regulations that discriminate against women.

In addition, we would like to make following **recommendations**:

- Consider the withdrawal of reservations to CEDAW convention;
- Strengthen 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!