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Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of **Islamic Republic of Iran** to the second cycle of the UPR.

My delegation notes with concern the reports of special procedure mandate holders that despite a standing invitation no special procedure has been invited to visit the country since 2005. We therefore would like to recommend Iran to take necessary steps to implement the commitment extended to special procedures by accepting pending visit requests.

In addition we would like to make following recommendations to Islamic Republic of Iran:

- Consider a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing it;
- Ensure equal treatment of women in law and practice in line with the relevant recommendations of the Human Rights Committee;
- Ratify core international human rights conventions, in particular CAT and CEDAW conventions;
- Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to fully align its national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute.

I thank you, Mr. President!