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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia
21st session of the UPR
Review of Armenia**

Mr. President,

Latvia warmly welcomes the delegation of Armenia and thanks it for the comprehensive national report. We welcome the measures taken by the Government to implement the recommendations from the first cycle of the UPR.

We are particularly pleased to note that since previous review Armenia has enacted in its legal system specific legislation on the equality of men and women and other measures to protect the rights of women, including National Program Against Gender-based violence, however, we share concerns of the Human Rights Committee about the reports of violence against women. We **recommend** the Government of Armenia to intensify efforts to address violence against women, in particular domestic violence.

My delegation also notes with concern reported instances of attacks against journalists. We **recommend** Armenia to take further steps to ensure that the alleged cases of violence against journalists are thoroughly investigated.

Finally, Latvia also **recommends** Armenia to ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Thank you, Mr. President.