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Thank you, Mr President.

Latvia warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkey to their second UPR cycle and thanks them for the comprehensive national report submitted for review.

We would like to **recommend** Turkey the following:

- consider ratifying the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education;
- to step up cooperation with the Special Procedures mandate holders by responding positively to the pending visit requests;
- to accede to and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- continue its efforts to ensure that the national laws protect freedom of expression online and offline.

We would like to commend the efforts the government of Turkey has put in raising girls' schooling rates since first review cycle and the provision of education services to Syrian refugees in past years.

We wish the delegation and the government of Turkey success in their future work.

Thank you, Mr. President.