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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Liberia and thank them for the informative and detailed National report presented today and their constructive engagement in the UPR process.

After studying the national report and other relevant documents, Latvia is concerned about the reported high number of rape cases, particularly against young victims, and gender-based violence. We **recommend** Liberia to significantly step up its efforts in addressing these issues. Latvia would also like to **recommend** Liberia to intensify its efforts to eradicate illiteracy, especially among women and girls.

Latvia **recommends** to Liberia to step up its cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests of the special procedures mandate holders without delay. We would also like to reiterate our **recommendation** to extend a standing invitation to the Special Procedures, as accepted during the first cycle of UPR of Liberia.

Mr. President,

Latvia would like to convey our sympathies to the Government and people of Liberia with regards to the Ebola epidemic that struck the country last year. *and is still ongoing.* Already working under difficult circumstances previously, this crisis has presented new challenges. We wish the Government and the people of Liberia the best success in their future endeavours.

Thank you, Mr. President.