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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia**

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**Review of United States of America**

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of United States and thanks it for the comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

My delegation was pleased to learn from the national report the US's intentions to extend its international commitments and become a party to several human rights conventions. We note in particular that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women has been designated as a priority for ratification. In this regard, Latvia **recommends** United States to speed up its national examination procedures with a view of prompt ratification of the CEDAW.

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

Finally, we note positive cooperation of United States with special procedures. We **recommend** United States to consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

I thank you, Mr. President!