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Statement of the Republic of Latvia
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Review of Lebanon

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Lebanon and thanks it for the comprehensive national report. My delegation appreciates measures taken by the Government to implement the recommendations from the first review. In this regard we note in particular the law enacted in April of 2014 on the Protection of Women and Family from Domestic Violence which among other establishes a framework of different protection measures. At the same time we also note the recommendations of CEDAW committee and encourage the Government of Lebanon to take further steps towards gender mainstreaming, in particular with regards to Lebanese personal status laws. Within this context, we **recommend** Lebanon to consider withdrawal of its reservations to CEDAW.

As a country promoting universal ratification of Rome Statute Latvia **recommends** Lebanon to accede to and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Finally, we take positive note of the decision of the Government of Lebanon to follow up recommendations from the first review to extend an open ended invitation to special procedures of the Human Rights Council to visit the country.

Thank you, Mr. President.