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We warmly welcome the Delegation of Latvia and thank the State Secretary H.E. Pildegovics for the comprehensive presentation.

Georgia appreciates steps conducted by Latvia since the first review that have led to the remarkable developments and results.

In particular, we welcome the adoption of the amendments to the Citizenship Law, based on the best practices in the world; underscore Latvia's achievements in women's involvement in decision-making and welcome steps towards the improvement of the health of mother and child, particularly, the adoption the Maternal and Child Health Improvement Plan.

Georgia notes with satisfaction that the Ombudsman's Office of Latvia was accredited in the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions, which granted to it the accreditation status "A" last year.

We highlight the leadership of Latvia aimed at promotion of the standing invitation practice and encourage Latvia to continue the practice of the submission of mid-term implementation reports.

Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Latvia:

1. To take measures towards the ratification of the OPCAT;
2. To continue efforts aimed at reduction of the maternal mortality rate.

We wish the distinguished delegation of Latvia a successful UPR and HRC membership.

Thank you Mr. President.