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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia**

**25<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR**

**Review of Hungary**

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Hungary and thanks it for the national report and presentation today.

My delegation commends Hungary's leadership and active work in the Human Rights Council, among other raising awareness of the issue of cooperation with human rights mechanisms and the independence of judiciary.

Visits of special procedure mandate holders provide an opportunity to assess and to consider ways to improve human rights record of every state. My delegation notes several country visits paid to Hungary, the most recent by Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. We are alarmed by some of the preliminary observations of the Special Rapporteur and therefore we would like to encourage Hungary to take necessary measures to consider and implement the recommendations stemming from this country visit with a view to ensure safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders and civil society in general.

Finally, we note the concerns expressed by the CEDAW committee that women belonging to disadvantaged groups, such as Roma women, and women with disabilities are subjected to multiple forms of discrimination and exclusion. We therefore recommend that Hungary takes further steps to address root causes that affect the rights of women belonging to disadvantaged groups.

Thank you, Mr. President.