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**Review of Azerbaijan**

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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan to its fourth cycle of UPR and thanks for presenting its national report.

Latvia would like to **recommend**:

1. to cooperate fully with the United Nations special procedures mandate holders;
2. to cease the regulatory and judicial persecution of human rights defenders, journalists, political opponents or activists for exercising their rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly;
3. to respect international human rights law and international humanitarian law in the situations of armed hostilities.

Latvia wishes the delegation of Azerbaijan success in the review.

I thank you.