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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, President,

Latvia is gravely concerned by deteriorating human rights situation in the Russian Federation – the legislative steps and practices taken since the last review have led to unprecedented violations and abuses of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the country. Moreover, Russia’s war against Ukraine has inflicted immense suffering on Ukrainian people.

Latvia strongly recommends:

1. to establish full and non-selective engagement with all UN human rights mechanisms;
2. to ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC and fully align national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute;
3. to fully abide by and execute the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;
4. to end acts of harassment, arbitrary arrests and detentions, violence against and killings of human rights defenders, journalists, activists and opposition politicians;
5. to stop systematic and grave violations of human rights and international humanitarian law and human rights in Ukraine.

I thank you.