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**Review of Belize**

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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Belize to the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for presenting its national report. We note the considerable efforts taken by Belize since the third review and encourage to continue the fulfilment of its human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to make the following **recommendations**:

1. to establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles;
2. to consider accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
3. to consider extending a standing invitation to special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia wishes the delegation of Belize success in the review.

I thank you.