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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, Mr President,

Latvia remains gravely concerned by deteriorating human rights situation in Iran – the Government’s systematic denial of basic freedoms, executions, unlawful arrests and detentions, brutal crackdown on women and girls - we call on the Iranian authorities to return to rule of law and full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We strongly condemn Iran’s continuous support to Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine.

Latvia recommends:

1. to take immediate measures, in law and in practice, to eradicate systematic discrimination, arbitrary arrests, torture, sexual violence and deprivation of fundamental rights of women and girls;
2. to ratify the Rome Statute;
3. to establish a moratorium on the death penalty.

I thank you.