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**Review of the Federated States of Micronesia**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia to the UPR Working Group and thanks for presenting its national report.

We note the measures taken by the Government since the previous review and encourage further efforts in fulfilling its human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia:

1. To consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council;
2. To ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
3. To consider ratifying the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) as well as its Second Optional Protocol, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD);
4. To take all necessary measures to combat violence against women and girls and domestic violence both in law and in practice;
5. To criminalise marital rape.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia success in the review.

I thank you.