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**Review of Myanmar**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Myanmar:

1. To consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the HRC, and to cooperate with them, including with the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar and the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar;
2. To facilitate the establishment of an OHCHR Regional Office in Myanmar;
3. To establish a moratorium on death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition;
4. 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, and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD);
5. To ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC;
6. To foster a safe, respectful and enabling environment for civil society, human rights defenders and journalists, free from persecution, intimidation and harassment;
7. To take all necessary measures to ensure the protection of the human rights of all ethnic and religious minorities of Myanmar, both in law and in practice.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Myanmar success in the review.

I thank you.