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**Review of Estonia**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

We appreciate the steps taken to implement the recommendations received during the previous UPR cycle, in particular the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in accordance with the Paris Principles. Latvia also welcomes the overall progress made by Estonia in advancing human rights both nationally and abroad, including by adopting the Action Plan for Human Rights Diplomacy. We also take positive note of the progress made in reducing the gender pay gap by nearly 10% from 2010 to 2018.

In this regard, Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Estonia:

1. To continue its efforts to promote gender equality, including by educating the society on gender stereotypes;
2. To continue its efforts to reduce the gender pay gap.

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

I thank you.