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**Review of the Niger**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

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

1. To retain the moratorium on the death penalty in all circumstances and work towards its complete abolition;
2. To consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
3. To promote and protect the right to freedom of expression and media freedom;
4. To take measures to foster a safe, respectful and enabling environment for civil society and human rights defenders, especially women HRDs, free from persecution, intimidation and harassment;
5. To take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat female genital mutilation, as well as child early and forced marriage.

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

I thank you.