**The 38th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Sierra Leone**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Sierra Leone:

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 gender equality;
4. To take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat violence against women and girls and domestic violence, female genital mutilation (FGM), as well as child early and forced marriage, including by criminalising FGM.
5. To ensure the right to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, as well as media freedom.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Sierra Leone success in the review.

I thank you.