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**UPR of the Republic of Latvia**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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*Madame President,*

Poland thanks the delegation of Latvia for its national report and active participation in the third cycle of the UPR process.

As per agreed practice, Poland would like to offer the following recommendations:

* **to further improve the access of ethnic minorities to employment, basic services as well as the justice system by alleviating impediments which they may face, for instance due to linguistic policies;**
* **to improve access of children with disabilities and special needs to education opportunities;**
* **to strengthen measures addressing hate speech, including online.**

At the same time Poland commends efforts of Latvia undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the second cycle of UPR. In particular we welcome the adoption of the law granting Latvian citizenship to all newborn children in its territory, and we encourage further efforts to eliminate statelessness.

*Thank you.*