**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

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**REVIEW OF LATVIA**

**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

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Madame President,

We follow the positive steps taken by Latvia since the second cycle such as the granting of citizenship automatically to children born to ‘non-citizens’ unless the parents choose another nationality.

We would like to **recommend** Latvia to,

1) Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

2) Speed up the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT).

3) Consider accession to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and to take further steps to ensure the full socio-economic integration of migrants.

4) Consider steps to increase public resilience against intolerance and discrimination based on racial, national, ethnic and religious origin as well as hate speech in public life and on the internet.

5) Continue to step up efforts to provide equal opportunities in education, especially to ethnic minorities and vulnerable groups including migrants, Romas and children with disabilities.

6) Continue and improve the good practice of using languages other than Latvian in information campaigns on issues of public health when necessary, such as the promotion of vaccination against C-19.

I thank you.