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**Review of Papua New Guinea**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, Madam President,

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

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Papua New Guinea:

1. To ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC;
2. To establish a moratorium on death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition, and consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
3. To ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT);
4. To take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat violence against women and girls and domestic violence, as well as ensure that victims receive medical and social support, and have access to legal remedies.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Papua New Guinea success in the review.

I thank you.