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**Review of the Syrian Arab Republic**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, President,

We note the measures taken by the Syrian authorities since the previous review and encourage further efforts in fulfilling its human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia strongly **recommend** to the Syrian authorities:

1. To establish a moratorium on death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition, and consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
2. To ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC;
3. To consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the HRC;
4. To ensure rapid, safe, unimpeded, unconditional and sustained access to humanitarian and medical relief for all those in need.

Latvia would also like to **reiterate the following recommendation from the previous UPR cycle**:

1. To fully cooperate with the OHCHR and the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, in particular the Independent International Commission of Inquiry.

I thank you.