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**Review of Zimbabwe**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, President,

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

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

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Zimbabwe:

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 ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT);
4. To consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the HRC;
5. To take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat violence against women and domestic violence, as well as child early and forced marriage, virginity testing and other harmful practices.

Latvia wishes the delegation of Zimbabwe success in the review.

I thank you.