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**Review of India**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, President,

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

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

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 the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT);
3. to take measures to foster a safe, respectful and enabling environment for civil society and human rights defenders, especially women and indigenous HRDs, free from persecution, intimidation and harassment;
4. to take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to empower women and girls and to combat violence against them, including domestic violence;
5. to protect and ensure the rights of persons belonging to ethnic and religious minorities.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of India success in the review.

I thank you.