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**Review of Ghana**

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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Ghana to the UPR Working Group. We thank the Government of Ghana for presenting its national report, and welcome the recent legislative and policy efforts to establish an institutional human rights framework.

Latvia would like to **recommend**:

1. to abolish the death penalty, and consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
2. to ensure that national legislation is in line with the Convention on Rights of the Child, in particular by ensuring free and universal birth registration to all children born in the territory of Ghana;
3. to take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat violence against women and girls, and domestic violence, in particular by ensuring the full implementation of the Domestic Violence Act of 2007;
4. to take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to eliminate child, early and forced marriage, female genital mutilation, breast ironing, tribal marks, and other harmful practices.

Latvia wishes the delegation of Ghana success in the review.

I thank you.