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**Review of Pakistan**

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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Pakistan to the UPR Working Group. We thank the Government of Pakistan for presenting its national report, and welcome the adoption of the Torture and Custodial Death Act of 2022, as well as steps taken to limit the use of the death penalty. However, we remain deeply concerned about the continued use of the death penalty and the high number of prisoners currently on death row.

Latvia would like to **recommend**:

1. to respond to all pending visit requests from the UN special procedures mandate holders, and consider extending a standing invitation to the mandate holders;
2. to formulate comprehensive rules and procedures for the investigation, documentation and prosecution of torture in line with the Istanbul Protocol and the Mendez principles;
3. to ensure that the National Commission for Human Rights is in full conformity with the Paris Principles, and provide the Commission with adequate resources.

Latvia wishes the delegation of Pakistan success in the review.

I thank you.