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**Review of Sri Lanka**

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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, President,

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

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Sri Lanka:

1. to abolish the death penalty, and consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
2. to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
3. to repeal all laws that criminalise same-sex relations between consenting adults;
4. to remove all marital rape exceptions from laws criminalizing rape, and require police to investigate and appropriately prosecute all acts of gender-based violence, including against a woman by her husband;
5. to take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to eliminate child, early and forced marriage, female genital mutilation, and other harmful practices.

Latvia wishes the delegation of Sri Lanka success in the review.

I thank you.