**The 43rd session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Burundi**

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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Burundi to the UPR Working Group, notes the measures taken by Burundi since the previous review, and encourages further efforts in fulfilling its human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to **recommend**:

1. to fully cooperate with the UN special procedure mandate holders and relevant treaty bodies, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi, and respond to all pending visit requests;
2. to consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR, and the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;
3. to re-join as a State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC;
4. to repeal or amend all discriminatory provisions in legislation, including Article 4 of the Nationality Code and Article 122 of the Persons and Family Code.

Latvia wishes the delegation of Burundi success in the review.

I thank you.