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**Review of the Russian Federation**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia, while noting the measures taken by the Russian Federation, is deeply concerned by deteriorating human rights situation in the country - legislative steps and practices taken since the last review has only further hindered the functioning of civil society organizations and violated the rights to fundamental freedoms.

Latvia recommends:

1. to repeal or revise legislation in order to bring it into conformity with the obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to ensure protection of the rights to freedom of opinion, expression, association and assembly;
2. to grant an approval to all pending visit requests by the special procedures mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council and consider the extension of a standing invitation to all mandate-holders;
3. to ratify Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully align national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute.

Latvia wishes to the Government of the Russian Federation success in implementing the recommendations.

I thank you.