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**Review of Malaysia**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Malaysia and thanks it for presenting national report.

Latvia welcomes the measures taken by the Government of Malaysia to enhance the legal protection of women from gender-based violence as well to end discrimination against women in marriage and family. We would like to encourage the Government of Malaysia to make further efforts in fulfilling human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia reiterates following recommendation from the previous cycle:

1. continue exploring possibilities to extend its international commitments, in particular consider ratification of the ICCPR and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and
2. respond positively to the pending visit requests by the special procedures mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council and consider the extension of a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate-holders.

Latvia wishes to the Government of Malaysia success in the review.

I thank you.