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**Review of Islamic Republic of Iran**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran to the UPR Working Group and thanks it for presenting national report.

We note measures taken by the Government in the field of promotion and protection of human rights since the previous review and encourage further efforts in fulfilling human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to **reiterate following recommendations from the previous cycle**:

* one, consider a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing it;
* two, ensure equal treatment of women in law and in practice, in line with the relevant recommendations of the Human Rights Committee;
* three, ratify core international human rights conventions, in particular CAT and CEDAW;
* four, ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully align its national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute; and
* five, take necessary steps to implement the commitment extended to special procedures by accepting pending visit requests.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran success in the review.

I thank you.