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**Review of Liberia**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

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

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Liberia:

* To adopt and effectively implement legislation criminalizing all forms of female genital mutilation;
* To take all necessary measures to combat violence against women and girls and domestic violence both in law and in practice;
* To promote the participation of girls in all levels of education, especially in rural areas, including by ensuring that schools are a safe space for girls;
* To work towards the complete abolition of death penalty, in accordance with Liberia’s obligations as a State Party to the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Liberia success in the review.

I thank you.