**The 36th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Malawi**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Malawi 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 Malawi:

* 1. To criminalise marital rape;
* 2. To take all necessary measures to combat violence against women and girls and domestic violence both in law and in practice;
* 3. To effectively implement the existing legal provisions prohibiting harmful practices, including female genital mutilation and child early and forced marriage, and ensure that all reports of harmful practices are investigated and victims have access to effective remedies;
* 4. To retain the moratorium on the death penalty in all circumstances and work towards the complete abolition of death penalty;
* 5. To consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR.

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

I thank you.