Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you President.

Lithuania greets the delegation of Belarus and takes note of its National Report.

We are deeply concerned about grave deterioration of human rights situation in Belarus in the context of the August presidential elections marred by massive fraud and recommend the following:

1. Immediately cease police violence against peaceful protesters and journalists, including arbitrary detention, arbitrary deprivation of liberty and torture.
2. Release immediately and unconditionally all political prisoners, including former presidential candidates, their supporters and those detained during post-electoral protests, and refrain from judicial harassment and reprisals.
3. Ensure prompt independent investigation of all allegations of torture and bring perpetrators to account.
4. Cooperate with UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Belarus by granting her free, full and unhindered access.
5. Engage in genuine dialog with civil society represented by the Coordination Council in order to hold free and fair presidential elections in presence of international observers.

I thank you.