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Madame President,

RADDHO would like to welcome Latvian delegation and we appreciate their cooperation with the special procedures. Latvia accepts the recommendation reflected in the UPR report, we hope it will open a dialogue in society after this review to continue to effectively implement these recommendations. We are concerned about discrimination against migrant, Roma young women, Russian citizen workers and Refugees in Latvia.

Madame President,

The dialogue of social inclusion and promotion of diversity is the key to democracy and tolerance for National cohesion. Since 2000, Latvia adopted a legislation to combat human trafficking, the legislation should be more vigorous to in combating violence and abuse against women.

Previously, the conditions in prisons and detentions centers remain poor and did not meet international standards. Throughout the years, prison authorities have opened five investigation cases of the violent deaths of prison inmates.

The lack of detainee's access to attorney should be considered.

We invite Latvia to continue to create mechanisms for human rights education of police and the security forces, to ratify the Convention against all forms of discrimination against women.

Thank you

