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Madam President, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

Latvia highly appreciates the work done by the Commission, as well as the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in

Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread violations of human rights, which occurs in all countries, irrespective of

rehabilitation services. The special programme significantly improved data collection, based on dedicated surveys, and inter-institutional cooperation. As a result, for example, it is stipulated by law that health and law enforcement institutions shall work in a coordinated manner in order to identify and address the cases of violence. After the conclusion of the programme, further tasks have been included in the Guidelines for Uvcvģøu"Hc oily Policy for 2011-2017 and their Action Plan.

Women who have experienced violence can seek help in 36 crisis centers across Latvia. In the regions, municipalities and NGOs ensure operation of crisis centers that provide professional assistance and information to victims of violence. Social rehabilitation of children who have suffered from violence is financed from the State budget. There is also a special Information Support System created between social, educational and law enforcement institutions in order to prevent potential cases of violence against children. State-paid support services are also provided to victims of human trafficking.

