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- LATVIA aspires to serve as an elected member of the UN Security Council **for the first time**; LATVIA is fully committed to shoulder its part of the responsibility to uphold international peace and security.
- As a small country, LATVIA relies on the international order rooted in the UN Charter, multilateralism and respect for international law to guarantee its sovereignty; LATVIA will bring its unique perspective to strengthen resilience of the multilateral system.
- LATVIA has been increasingly engaged in UN **peacebuilding** efforts, and believes that conflict prevention, protection of civilians in armed conflicts and peaceful resolution of disputes must remain a top priority of the UN.
- A donor country for more than 15 years, LATVIA contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; LATVIA considers responsible action to achieve the **Sustainable Development Goals** as the key to preventing conflicts and sustaining peace.
- LATVIA is among the top countries in the world that fully guarantee legal equality between women and men in employment and business; LATVIA will continue to stand up for the protection of **gender equality** and **women's empowerment**.
- LATVIA is a forest-rich country and among the countries with the richest surface and underground water resources in the world; LATVIA will contribute its expertise in sustainable solutions for **natural resources management**, **access to clean water** and **combatting marine pollution**.
- LATVIA advocates for more accountability, coherence and transparency of the UN Security Council, and will work towards the reforms to increase its effectiveness.
- LATVIA believes in the importance of working **together** with UN Member States, regional organizations, civil society and youth to build resilience, forge lasting peace and security, achieve sustainable development and leave no one behind.



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