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Statement by the Permanent Representative of Latvia, Ambassador Bahtijors Hasans in response to the delegation of the Russian Federation on Voting Rights in the European Union

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Mr Chairman,

This statement is also on behalf of Estonia. We took note of the statement by the Russian delegation on the elections to the European Parliament, where our countries were mentioned.

Voting procedures for the European Parliament elections are regulated by the Treaty of Lisbon. European citizens may vote in their countries of residence. Non-citizens and persons with undetermined citizenship in our respective countries have all rights to acquire citizenship and participate in these and other elections. Majority have taken use of this right.

We will refrain from commenting on the issue on distribution of seats in the European parliament, as this clearly lies out of the competence of Russian Federation.

Thank you very much, Mr Chairman.