



Pledge submitted by Latvia to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Latvia pledges to promote gender equality and security through building a new plan to promote equal rights and opportunities for women and men for 2024-2027 and developing a Plan to prevent violence against women and domestic violence for 2024-2029. Latvia pledges to strengthen media freedom and safety of journalists. In October 2023 within the framework of Latvia's Presidency of the Council of Europe, a two-day international conference on the freedom of speech and safety of journalists "The Pen is Mightier than the Sword? Meeting today's challenges to Freedom of expression and the safety of journalists" was held in Riga, Latvia. In the course of the conference the launch of the five-year Council of Europe's Campaign on the Safety of Journalists took place. Latvia is proud to have hosted the launch and to be the first country to make a voluntary financial contribution to the Campaign. Latvia pledges to strengthen the rule of law by empowering independence of the national judiciary by undertaking the goal of establishing an Academy of Justice by 2025. Latvia pledges to support the work of UN bodies in the field of human rights and will continue to provide voluntary contributions to UN bodies and funds promoting and protecting human rights.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jan 1, 2025