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In reply to document C.8585 from 16.08.2016 Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia informs the Standing Committee on Patents that Latvia does not have any changes in practise of granting/disputing patents relating to exceptions and limitations to patent rights, in particular in addressing development issues;

Relating to client-patent advisor privilege Latvia has adopted a new Law which came into force on 01.01.2016 where provision relating to client-attorney privilege is introduced. The new Law contains Section 128 regulating relations between clients, patent advisors and other persons. Unfortunately this Law has not yet been translated into English. Unofficial translation of a title of the Law is "Law on Industrial Property Institutions and Procedures". It can be found in Latvian here: <http://likumi.lv/ta/id/275049-rupnieciska-ipasuma-instituciju-un-proceduru-likums>.