

**Statement of the Republic of Latvia
13th session of the UPR
Review of Algeria**

Madam President,

Latvia would like to thank the delegation of Algeria for the comprehensive national report, its presentation today and their constructive engagement in the UPR process.

After studying carefully national report and other relevant documents, we note that during the first cycle of UPR Algeria has accepted recommendation to facilitate visits by human rights mandate holders. We note with satisfaction that in 2010 Algeria has invited seven special procedures mandate holders and several of them have already visited Algeria. However, we also note that several requests by special procedures mandate holders to visit Algeria have not been accepted yet. Considering previous positive cooperation of Algeria with special procedures mandate holders, Latvia **recommends** to Algeria to consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia notes with appreciation that Algeria has signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in 2000 and we **recommend** to Algeria to ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC and to fully align its national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute, including incorporating the Rome Statute definition of crimes and general principles, as well as adopting provisions enabling cooperation with the Court.

Thank you, Madam President.