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

Madam President,

Latvia would like to thank the delegation of Bahrain 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 there is a room for improvement of Bahrain's cooperation with special procedures mandate holders. Latvia **recommends** to Bahrain to step up its cooperation with special procedures mandate holders by responding positively to the visit request of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and facilitating in a timely manner visit by the Special Rapporteur on torture. Latvia **also recommends** to consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia notes that Bahrain has signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in 2000 and we **recommend** to Bahrain to ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC and to fully align its 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.

