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Statement of the Republic of Latvia 13th session of the UPR Review of Morocco

Madam President,

Latvia would like to thank the delegation of Morocco 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 Morocco has expressly stated its openness to cooperation with the Human Rights Council special procedures and since 2008 Morocco has received visits from three special procedures mandate holders: the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances in 2009, the Independent Expert in the Field of Cultural Rights in 2011 and the Working Group on the Issue of Discrimination Against Women in Law and in Practice in 2012. Considering previous positive cooperation of Morocco with special procedures mandate holders, Latvia **recommends** to Morocco to consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia **also recommends** to Morocco to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court 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.