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Intervention by the delegation of Estonia

Estonia warmly welcomes the high level delegation of Luxembourg headed by ... to the UPR's 15th session. We thank Luxembourg for their work in preparing the report presented earlier and also for the additional information given in the opening speech. We are glad to note that as a result of extensive dialogue with representatives of civil society, the authorities have prepared a detailed national report that truly reflects the human rights situation in the country.

Estonia notes with appreciation that Luxembourg has become a party to nearly all the main international human rights instruments and is fully cooperating with the special procedures of the UN Human Rights Council as well as with treaty bodies.

We recognize that human rights are an important part of Luxembourg's domestic policies and also an essential dimension in its foreign policy and relations. Since the last review, Luxembourg has made advances in many human rights areas and implemented most of the recommendations.

Firstly, Estonia welcomes the ratification of the **CRPD** (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) and its **Optional Protocol**.

Secondly, we are pleased to commend Luxembourg's great role as an **international aid donor**. Luxembourg fulfills its international aid target linked with human rights, which is an essential element in its development co-operation programs.

Finally, we positively note Luxembourg's efforts and support in **internet freedom** issues.

Thank you!