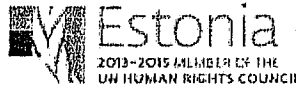


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Intervention by the delegation of Estonia

Estonia very warmly welcomes the high level delegation of the United Arab Emirates to the UPR's 15<sup>th</sup> session. We thank the UAE for their work in preparing the national report presented earlier and also for the additional information provided in the opening speech.

We commend the UAE for ratifying the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC). We also commend the UAE for ratifying the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and recommend proceeding swiftly with the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention (OP CAT).

Additionally, Estonia would like to make the following **recommendations**:

- We recommend that the UAE abolish **corporal punishment** and **death penalty**.
- Estonia recommends that the UAE ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and accede to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ICC.
- We recommend to the UAE to accede to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

Estonia welcomes the measures taken by the Government of the UAE to promote migrant workers' rights and combating human trafficking. We urge the Government to continue with further efforts to these ends.

Thank you!