

**Statement of the Republic of Latvia  
15<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR  
Review of United Arab Emirates**

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of United Arab Emirates and thanks them for the comprehensive national report, its presentation today and their constructive engagement in the UPR process.

We note with appreciation that United Arab Emirates has demonstrated its openness to cooperation with the Human Rights Council special procedures and since 2009 United Arab Emirates has received visits from three special procedures mandate holders: Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children and Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons. Considering previous positive cooperation of United Arab Emirates with special procedures mandate holders, Latvia **recommends** to United Arab Emirates to consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia **also recommends** to United Arab Emirates 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, Mr. President.