**Universal Periodic Review of MEXICO, 23 October 2013**

**Intervention by delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of Mexico to its UPR.

We positively note the achievements of Mexico since its first UPR in promoting gender equality, the rights of women, children, and persons with disabilities. We encourage the Government to continue these steps and further widen the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Estonia notes the efforts of Mexico regarding the rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association. We are proud that Mexico is our partner in the *Freedom Online Coalition.*

We acknowledge Mexico’s endeavours in crime fighting and security operations. At the same time, we encourage the Government to ensure that all allegations of human rights abuses by the security forces are investigated in a timely and impartial manner, and that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

We further refer to preventing excessive use of force and the need to continue pursuing the abolition of preventive custody - “*arraigo*”.

Estonia would like **to recommend** to the Government of Mexico the following:

1. to continue the **fight against impunity**, especially regarding violence against women, children, human rights defenders, journalists and all other vulnerable groups;
2. to accede to **Additional Protocol II of the 1949 Geneva Conventions**;
3. Estonia welcomes Mexico’s cooperation with the ICC and recommends it to **fully align its national legislation** with the obligations arising from the **Rome Statute**.

Estonia wishes Mexico every success in the UPR and in implementing these measures.

Thank you!