

**24th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Estonia**

**Statement by Armenia**

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Armenia welcomes the delegation of Estonia headed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and thanks for the comprehensive national report.

We welcome the positive steps taken by Estonia since the presentation of the previous national report.

It is a welcoming development that in 2015 the Ministry of Education and Research launched a new project to enhance communication and mutual understanding between young people with a purpose of raising cultural awareness, openness and tolerance amongst the participants and the society in general.

We are also pleased that the new Strategy of Integration and Social Cohesion addresses issues of integration as a multi-way process where preservation of ethnic identity and culture of ethnic groups is to be supported with equal opportunities for participation in social life.

We appreciate that within the General Education Programme of Estonia for 2016-2019, a concept of human rights education as a cross-curricular topic in education system is envisaged to be developed by 2017.

Armenia has the following recommendations:

1. To take further steps to promote tolerance, cultural diversity and integration within the country and internationally.
2. To introduce programmes and projects within the concept of human rights education on the prevention of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

We wish Estonia success in its second review.