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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia**

**27th session of the UPR**

**Review of Kingdom of Morocco**

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Morocco and thanks it for the presentation of national report. My delegation appreciates the progress achieved since the last UPR. We commend in particular the adoption of the Press Code in 2016 and removal of prison sentences in relation to press related offences.

We note that the Human Rights Committee has expressed concerns about legislative provisions that discriminate against women, particularly with regard to matrimonial matters. We would like to inquire what measures are envisaged to address the concerns of the Committee.

We would like to encourage the Government of Morocco to step up its cooperation with special procedures of the Human Rights Council and expedite the implementation of the previously accepted **recommendation** to issue a standing invitation to special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Finally, as a strong advocate for universal ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC Latvia repeatedly **recommends** Morocco to ratify and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. We note that the recommendation of ratification of the Rome Statute was previously accepted but has not been implemented by Morocco so far.

I thank you!