**Universal Periodic Review of POLAND**

**9th May 2017  
Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of Poland to the 27th session of the UPR.

We note with appreciation that Poland has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of death penalty. We also recommend Poland to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD).

We would like to highlight Poland’s activities in the area of children’s rights. Poland has achieved good results in legislating a total ban on corporal punishment in all settings. We encourage the government to continue its work to eliminate the use of corporal punishment in schools, youth centres and alternative-care facilities (*as noted in the OHCHR report*).

Furthermore, we welcome the ratification of Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence. However, we remain concerned that there is still insufficient implementation of protection measures for victims of domestic violence. Furthermore, women and girls continue to face systematic difficulties in having access to comprehensive sexual education and family planning measures, including contraception. Thus, we would like to encourage Poland to consider further actions to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and to ensure favourable legislation towards woman’s rights.

We wish Poland luck in the implementation of these measures.

Thank you.