**The 47th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Dominica**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Dominica to the UPR Working Group and thanks it for presenting the national report.

We commend the Government of Dominica for the efforts taken since the third review and continuous engagement with regional and international mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights.

We welcome the adoption of the Domestic Violence Act and measures taken to promote gender equality, also through the revision of the National Gender Policy.

Latvia would like to **recommend**:

1. to establish a national human rights institution for the promotion and protection of human rights in line with the Paris Principles;
2. to ratify the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
3. to consider ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Dominica success in the review.

I thank you.