**The 37th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Lebanon**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Lebanon:

1. To ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC;
2. To promote and protect the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, including media freedom;
3. To ensure unimpeded access for all people in Lebanon to both local and foreign media, including during protests;
4. To take measures to foster a safe, respectful and enabling environment for civil society and human rights defenders, free from persecution, intimidation and harassment;
5. To take all necessary measures both in law and in practice to combat inequality and discrimination based on sex, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation;
6. To criminalise domestic violence, marital rape and sexual harassment;
7. To strengthen the rule of law, including by ensuring the independence of the judiciary.

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

I thank you.