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

**Review of Nepal**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

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

1. To promote and protect the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly of all residents of Nepal;
2. To take measures to foster a safe, respectful and enabling environment for civil society and human rights defenders, especially women HRDs, free from persecution, intimidation and harassment, and to relax the requirements for registering NGOs;
3. To enable a safe environment for women and girls to report cases of sexual and gender based violence, and to ensure that all reports are fully and adequately investigated.

Latvia would also like to **reiterate the following recommendation from the previous UPR cycle**:

1. To consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the HRC;
2. To ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC.

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

I thank you.