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

**Review of Rwanda**

**25 January 2021**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

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

1. To promote and protect the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly of all residents of Rwanda;
2. To take measures to foster a safe, respectful and enabling environment for civil society and human rights defenders, free from persecution, intimidation and harassment, and to relax the requirements for registering NGOs.

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

1. 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 Rwanda success in the review.

I thank you.