**The 38th session of the UPR Working Group: Latvia**

**May 11th, 2021**

**Intervention by Romania**

Madam President,

Romania welcomes the members of the Latvian delegation to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the national report and presentation.

We welcome Latvia’s activity in promotion and protection of human rights at national and international level and its close cooperation with UN Special Procedure mandate holders**.**

Romania commends the positive developments made since the previous UPR cycle. We note, in particular, the implementation of some legislative measures that facilitate investigations of independent bodies for all complaints concerning torture and inhuman or degrading treatment, and the prosecution of possible perpetrators;

Whilst we welcome Latvia’s efforts to make further progress toward the elimination of discrimination against women and in the fight against violence against women, we would like to recommend the following:

* to finalize the ratification of the OPCAT;
* to continue assessing the possibility of the ratification of the OP - CEDAW;

We wish Latvia a successful outcome of the review.

I thank you.