Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR38 – Estonia

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Thank you, President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of Estonia and thanks it for the presentation of the National Report.

Lithuania acknowledges determined efforts by Estonia in implementing the recommendations accepted during the second UPR cycle, including those submitted by Lithuania. In particular, we welcome the establishment of the *National Human Rights Institution* and Estonia’s increased financing for the *Gender Equality Program* 2020-2023.

We **recommend** Estonia to ratify the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women* (*CEDAW*) *on complaint and inquiry mechanisms*, and the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED)*.

Lithuania also **recommends** to design and implement concrete measures for the reduction of the gender pay gap.

Lithuania commends Estonia’s increased representation of women in political decision-making positions, and **recommends** to increase it at municipalities level.

We wish Estonia a successful review.