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

**Review of Mozambique**

**4 May 2021**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

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

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

1. To consider ratifying the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR);
2. To promote and protect the right to freedom of expression and media freedom;
3. 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;
4. To take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat violence against women and girls and domestic violence, female genital mutilation, as well as child early and forced marriage.

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 Mozambique success in the review.

I thank you.