**Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Latvia**

**11 May 2021**

**Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia very warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Latviato the UPR’s 38th session.

We are glad to note that Latvia has been active in the promotion and protection of human rights on both national and international level.

Estonia commends Latvia for progress made in promoting gender equality. Latvia has achieved a high rate of participation of women in political affairs, economic life and commercial decision-making.

We welcome the fact that, in 2020, the Government of Latvia approved a National Action Plan on the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security for 2020-2025.

We commend Latvia for their significant achievements in the integration, as well in the naturalization process. The rights of all persons belonging to ethnic minorities are well protected in Latvia’s multi-ethnic society.

Estonia would like to recommend to the Government of the Republic of Latvia to:

* ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence(Istanbul Convention).
* enhance the human rights for LGBTI persons and protect the people in same-sex relationship from discrimination;
* grant citizenship to children of stateless people.

We wish the delegation of Latvia a successful review meeting.

Thank you!