**Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Niger**

**3 May 2021**

**Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Niger.

Estonia notes with satisfaction that presidential, legislative and local elections were held in line with recommendations of UPR. It is commendable that the number of seats occupied by women has risen significantly.

At the same time, the security situation in the country remains difficult and there are many challenges to human rights and restrictions to fundamental freedoms.

Estonia would like to recommend to the Government of Niger to:

- promote women's human rights, including their sexual and reproductive rights, prevent early marriage and enhance the fight against sexual violence;

- ensure the protection of children's rights in practice;

- secure the protection of educational institutions against attacks;

- ensure the freedom of the media both online and offline, and the safety of journalists and peaceful demonstrations;

*-* ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Estonia would like to wish the delegation of Niger a successful review meeting.

Thank you!