**The 39th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Eswatini**

**8 November 2021**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, Madam President,

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

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

1. To establish a moratorium on death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition, and consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
2. To promote and protect the right to freedom of expression and media freedom;
3. To take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat violence against women.

Latvia would also like to **reiterate the following recommendations from the previous UPR cycle**:

1. To consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the HRC;
2. 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 Eswatini success in the review.

I thank you.