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

**Review of Thailand**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, Madam President,

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

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

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, as well as the safety of journalists;
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 child early and forced marriage.

Latvia would also like to **reiterate the following recommendations 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 Thailand success in the review.

I thank you.