**The 40th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Lithuania**

**26 January 2022**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, President,

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

We appreciate the steps taken to implement the recommendations received during the previous UPR cycle, including the accreditation of the Seimas Ombudsperson’s Office as a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in accordance with the Paris Principles at ‘A’ level; the criminalisation of torture in conformity with the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel and Degrading Treatment and Punishment; and the introduction of a complete prohibition of corporal punishment of children.

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

1. To continue its efforts to promote gender equality, including by educating the society on gender stereotypes;
2. To continue its efforts to reduce the gender pay gap.

Latvia wishes the delegation of Lithuania success in the review.

I thank you.