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

**Review of Sudan**

**9 February 2022**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, President,

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

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Sudanese authorities:

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 ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);
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 girls and domestic violence.

Latvia would also like to **reiterate the following recommendation 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 Sudan success in the review.

I thank you.