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

**Review of Uganda**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, President,

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

We note the measures taken by the Government since the previous review and encourage further efforts in fulfilling its human rights obligations and commitments.

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

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 consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the HRC;
3. To promote the participation of girls in all levels of education, especially in rural areas, including by ensuring that schools are a safe space for girls;
4. To take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat violence against women and domestic violence, as well as child early and forced marriage, female genital mutilation and other harmful practices.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Uganda success in the review.

I thank you.