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**Review of Bahrain**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, President,

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

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

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 and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC;
3. to accept pending visit requests from the special procedures mandate holders of the HRC, and to consider extending a standing invitation to them;
4. to take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to ensure gender equality and eliminate any form of discrimination against women, including by ensuring equal rights between the two spouses;
5. to criminalise martial rape;
6. to promote and protect the right to freedom of assembly, freedom of expression and media freedom, as well as the safety of journalists.

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

I thank you.