**The 41st session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Morocco**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you, President,

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

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

1. to abolish the death penalty and consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
2. to take measures to foster a safe, respectful and enabling environment for civil society, human rights defenders and journalists;
3. to take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to eliminate any form of discrimination against women and to harmonise domestic legislation with CEDAW;
4. to promote and protect children’s rights, in particular - prevent child marriage by setting the absolute minimum age of marriage at 18;
5. to ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute;
6. to consider extending a standing invitation to special procedures mandate holders of the HRC.

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

I thank you.