**The 43rd session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of the United Arab Emirates**

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**Statement by the Republic of Latvia**

Thank you, President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates to the UPR Working Group, notes the measures taken by the Government since the previous review, and encourages further efforts in fulfilling its human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to **recommend**:

1. to respond to pending visit requests by the UN special procedures mandate holders and consider extending a standing invitation to them;
2. to consider ratifying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and its two Optional Protocols, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT);
3. to ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC;
4. to establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition;
5. to repeal or amend all discriminatory provisions in legislation, including the concept of male guardianship, and unequal rights of women and men with regard to marriage, custody, divorce and inheritance.

Latvia wishes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates success in the review.

I thank you.