**The 29th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Israel**

**23 January 2018**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank You Mr President!

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Israel to the UPR Working Group and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

Latvia acknowledges measures taken by the Government of Israel in the field of promotion and protection of human rights.

Latvia would like to make three recommendations:

1. to respond positively to pending visit requests by the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council and consider the extension of a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders;
2. to remove the reservations to articles 7 (b) and 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
3. to ratify Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully align its legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute.

Latvia wishes to the Government of Israel successful review.

I thank you!