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

**Review of Mali**

**16 January 2018**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Mali to the 29th session of the UPR and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

While Latvia welcomes the cooperation by Mali with the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali, Latvia notes with regret the lack of cooperation with other special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council. In this regard, Latvia **recommends** to Mali to step up its cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests by the special procedures mandate holders and to consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia notes the efforts made by the Government of Mali to implement measures aimed at elimination of discrimination against women and promoting gender equality. However, Latvia **recommends** toMali to repeal all discriminatory provisions, including those in the Personal and Family Code.

Latvia wishes to the Government of Mali success in the current review.

I thank you.