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

**Review of United Arab Emirates**

**22 January 2018**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

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

Latvia welcomes the efforts taken by United Arab Emirates in promoting and protecting human rights since the previous UPR cycle and recommends the following:

1. to respond 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;
2. to withdraw reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
3. toratifythe Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to fully align its legislation with all the obligations underthe Rome Statute;
4. to take measures to prevent acts of harassment and intimidation against human rights defenders and journalists.

Latvia wishes to the Government of United Arab Emirates all success in the current review.

I thank you.