**Universal Periodic Review of LUXEMBOURG**

**18 January 2018
Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to its 3rd UPR, and thanks for the presentation of the report.

We commend Luxembourg for several developments in the strengthening of the protection and promotion of human rights since the previous UPR, including steps to enhance gender equality and advancements in women’s political and economic participation. We also welcome the 2016 Law on the reform of parental leave that ensured same professional opportunities for women and men. Estonia further positively notes steps taken by Luxembourg to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), including elaboration of a substantive revision of legislation on domestic violence. We look forward to a swift ratification process.

Regarding rights of the child, we would like to emphasise the importance of the establishment by Luxembourg of mandatory training for schoolchildren and teachers on safe Internet use. Estonia further welcomes efforts to combat and raise awareness of child trafficking, sexual exploitation and sex tourism and encourages LU to continue this work. We also encourage Luxembourg to ensure sufficient resources for the functioning of the National Children’s Bureau.

Estonia acknowledges that Luxembourg is a candidate for election to the Human Rights Council for 2022-2024. At the international fora, Estonia commends Luxembourg for its efforts to fight impunity and its strong support of the International Criminal Court (ICC). We also take note of the efforts by Luxembourg to eliminate the backlog of reports to UN treaty bodies.

Finally, Estonia would like to **recommend** Luxembourg to decriminalize defamation and include it as part of the civil code in accordance with international standards.

We wish to the delegation of Luxembourg a very successful review meeting.

Thank you.