**The 30th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Turkmenistan**

**7 May 2018**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan and thanks it for presenting national report.

Latvia notes measures taken by the Government and encourages further efforts in fulfilling human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to recommend the following:

1. to adopt legislation specifically criminalizing violence against women, particularly domestic and sexual violence, and ensure its effective implementation;
2. to revise laws and practices in order to guarantee full enjoyment of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and ensure that any restrictions comply with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

we also would like to reiterate 2 recommendations from previous cycle:

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 mandate-holders;
2. to ratify Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully align national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute.

Latvia wishes to the Government of Turkmenistan success in the review.

I thank you.