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

**Review of Bangladesh**

**14 May 2018**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh 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.

We would like to recommend:

1. to bring legislation into conformity with the obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by repealing restrictive provisions that limit the rights of journalists, human rights defenders and civil society organizations to freedom of expression and free speech;
2. to remove the reservations to articles 2 and 16.1(c) of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
3. 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.

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

I thank you.