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

**Review of Cuba**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia recommends to the Government of Cuba:

1. to ratify Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully align national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute;
2. 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;
3. to end measures restricting rights to freedom of expression and to peaceful assembly and association, including short term detentions of political opponents, human rights activists and members of civil society organizations, as well as intimidation and arrests of journalists.

I thank you.