**The 31st session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Saudi Arabia**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

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

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

We note, as mentioned in the national report, that a supreme government committee The Human Rights Commission currently is considering ratification of the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). In this regard, Latvia would like to recommend to Saudi Arabia to ratify the ICCPR.

Latvia would also like to reiterate following recommendations from the previous cycle:

* consider ratification of Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
* continue to strengthen cooperation with the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to pending visit requests; and consider the extension of a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Saudi Arabia success in the review.

I thank you.