**Universal Periodic Review of MEXICO**

**7 November 2018**

**Intervention by delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of the United Mexican States to its third UPR.

We acknowledge positive steps taken by Mexico since the last UPR, such as the establishment of structures to tackle corruption, adoption of legislation to eliminate torture and enforced disappearances, creation of the programme on equality and non-discrimination, and the revision of criminal, civil and labour legislation from a gender perspective (2014–2017). We encourage Mexico to effectively implement all these measures. Estonia further recognises the efforts of Mexico to deal with issues related to cross-border migration and invites the Government to ensure the human rights of migrants.

Estonia would like to recommend to the Government of Mexico the following:

- to reinforce efforts to fight against corruption, including to fully implement the National Anti-Corruption System;

- to ensure freedom of expression, to promptly and impartially investigate all cases of attacks against journalists and human rights defenders and bring perpetrators to justice;

- to step up fight against gender based violence, including violence against girls and femicide.

Estonia wishes Mexico every success in the UPR process and in subsequent implementation of the recommendations.

Thank you!