**The 32nd session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Yemen**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

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

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

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

* ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully align its legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute, including incorporating the Rome Statute definition of crimes and general principles, as well as adopting provisions enabling cooperation with the Court;
* strengthen cooperation with the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests; and eventually consider the extension of a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Yemen success in the review.

I thank you.