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

**Review of Cambodia**

**30 January 2019**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Cambodia to the UPR Working Group and thanks it for presenting national report.

Latvia notes measures taken by the Royal Government of Cambodia in the field of promotion and protection of human rights since the previous review and encourages further efforts in fulfilling human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia notes received visits from the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia and accepted visit requests by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities and Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, Latvia notes with regret the lack of cooperation with other special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia would like to reiterate following recommendations:

* strengthen cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests by the special procedures mandate holders and eventually consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders; and
* continue exploring possibilities to extend its international commitments by ratifying the Optional protocols to the ICCPR.

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

I thank you.