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

**Review of Dominican Republic**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

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

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

While taking note of received visit from the Special Rapporteur on sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and issued invitation to the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons since the previous review, Latvia notes with regret the lack of cooperation with other special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council. In this regard, Latvia recommendsto Dominican Republic:

* step up 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 to consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Dominican Republic success in the review.

I thank you.