**The 33rd session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

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

We note measures taken by the Government in the field of promotion and protection of human rights since the previous review and encourage further efforts in fulfilling human rights obligations and commitments. However, we note with regret the lack of cooperation with special procedures mandate holders.

Latvia recommends to the Democratic Republic of the Congo the following:

* cooperate with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests by the special procedures mandate holders; and
* consider the extension of a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo success in the review.

I thank you.