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

**Review of Brunei Darussalam**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam 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. We express serious concern about the government’s decision to fully implement the 2013 Penal Code Order that prescribes punishments amounting to torture and acts of cruel, and inhumane or degrading treatment.

Latvia would like to recommend the following:

* repeal the new penalties, and ensure that the implementation of the 2013 Penal Code Order and the related 2018 Criminal Court Order is fully consistent with all international and regional human rights commitments and obligations undertaken by the Government of Brunei-Darussalam;
* consider the extension of a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council; and
* ratify Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to fully align national legislation with all obligations under the Rome Statute.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Brunei Darussalam success in the review.

I thank you.