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

**Review of Ethiopia**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia 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.

Latvia welcomes Ethiopia’s commitment to strengthen its cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms. In this regard, we note accepted visit request by Special Rapporteur on elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members. We also note recently accepted requests for visits from the Special Rapporteurs on the Freedom of Association, Freedom of Expression, Extreme Poverty and Education as mentioned in the National report.

Latvia would like to recommend the following:

* 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 Ethiopia success in the review.

I thank you.