**The 34th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Kazakhstan**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Kazakhstan 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 would like to **recommend** to take necessary measures to fully protect freedom of expression, including by repealing or revising the legal provisions limiting freedom of expression, and by refraining from using its criminal provisions and other regulations as tools to suppress the expression of dissenting opinions.

Latvia would also like to **reiterate following recommendations from the previous cycle**:

* continue its efforts to ensure legal protection against abuse of women, children and the elderly in families; and
* accede to and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

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

I thank you.