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

**Review of Iraq**

**11 November 2019**

**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Iraq 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, including steps taken to combat violence against women, since the previous review and encourage further efforts in fulfilling human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to **recommend** to continue to take measures to combat all forms of violence against women, including by adopting draft Anti-domestic violence law in line with international human rights standards.

Latvia also would like to **reiterate following recommendation from the previous cycle**: to consider a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing it.

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

I thank you.