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

**Review of Egypt**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Mr President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Egypt 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, in particular steps taken to address the issue of discrimination and violence against women, and encourage further efforts in fulfilling human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to **recommend** to amend legislation to eliminate discrimination and criminalize all forms of violence against women and girls.

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

* consider the withdrawal of reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); and
* strengthen cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council by responding positively to the pending visit requests and consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandate holders.

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

I thank you.