Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of El Salvador. Welcoming progress of El Salvador in improving its human rights environment, we recommend the following:

1. To strengthen efforts in combatting and preventing all forms of violence, including sexual and gender based violence, enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings and torture while ensuring that measures taken are consistent with international human rights law.
2. To implement comprehensive public policies to ensure safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders, journalists and other civil society actors and take all necessary actions to ensure accountability for violence and attacks against them.
3. To promote an open and inclusive national dialogue on abortion with a view to reconciling the differing positions and lifting the absolute ban on abortion to safeguard women’s right to life, health, autonomy and wellbeing.
4. To ratify the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Optional Protocol to CEDAW Convention *(the Optional Protocol the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)* and the OP-CAT *(the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment)*.

Lithuania wishes El Salvador all success in the current UPR cycle.

I thank you.