**The 36th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of the United States of America**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of the United States of America to the UPR Working Group and thanks for presenting its national report.

We note the measures taken by the Government since the previous review and encourage further efforts in fulfilling its human rights obligations and commitments.

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of the USA:

* To establish a moratorium on death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition, and consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR.

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

* To take the necessary national measures with a view of ratifying CEDAW;
* To ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC;
* To consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the HRC.

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

I thank you.