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Mme. President,

- 1 Cambodia welcomes the delegation of Czech Republic led by the HE Mr....., at this Second UPR process. We thank the delegation for his introductory presentation of 2nd UPR report on the developments in the field of the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.
- 2 Cambodia takes note with appreciation of progress made by the Government of the Czech Republic in the implementation of the UPR recommendations, following the country's first review process along with the update of the continued commitments toward the overall aspects of human rights.
- 3 We praise the country's efforts to address the remaining political, economic and social challenges, in particular, to implement the Sectoral Agenda for Social Development such as "Strategy for Combating Social Exclusion for 2012-2015" and that for the Protection of the Rights of the Child. Also, we welcome the country's adoption of a National Strategy in the efforts to combat trafficking in human beings for 2008-2015 which provides an overview of the situation and identifies the key problems, such as the application of criminal legislation and coordination of prevention, research and victim protection.
- 4 We welcome the country's efforts to ratify a number of important international human rights and humanitarian instruments, including its accession to the Rome Statute and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2009 as well as to other international conventions on the fight against organized crime and human trafficking. The efforts of the Government at enacting the legislation are noteworthy, including that in the area of criminality punishment and human trafficking.
- 5 We welcome the steps which have been taken by the Government of the Czech Republic in the adoption of Minority Policing Strategy for 2008-2012.
- 6 We therefore recommend that the country continues with all its endeavors to ensure further success in the implementation of the recently established relevant programs/policies on human rights, especially the efforts in the continued implementation of the principles of minority that requires an equal approach and respect for each minority's different characteristics.

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