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UPR 14 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Guatemala

The Czech Republic appreciates the active participation of Guatemala in the UPR.

We would like to deal first with the issue of human rights defenders and we would like to ask if the delegation could elaborate more on the cooperation with the civil society in preparing and implementing measures to raise awareness of the important role of human rights defenders.

In this regard we would like to **recommend** adoption of further measures to ensure that any act of threat or reprisal against human rights defenders is effectively investigated prosecuted and punished.

Secondly, we welcome that the Government of Guatemala enacted the Law against Femicide and we would like to make two recommendations in this area.

First, we **recommend** that adequate resources, in particular financial and personal, are devoted to combating femicide and all forms of violence against women.

And secondly we **recommend** that concrete measures are adopted to ensure gender sensitive training of persons involved in investigation, prosecution and assisting victims of such crimes.

Thank you.