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UPR 14 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Japan

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Japan and expresses its appreciation for Japan's participation in the UPR.

With regard to protection against discrimination, we would like to **recommend** that Japan reviews its national legislation with a view to eliminate discriminatory provisions based on a comprehensive list of grounds including social status, gender and sexual orientation.

With regard to the need to strengthen protection of detainees we would like to **recommend** adoption of legislative and other measures to ensure that detainees are not questioned without the presence of a lawyer and that they have prompt and unhindered access to legal counsel.

Finally, let me just briefly touch on the issue of prevention of torture and to **recommend** to Japan to accede to the Optional Protocol to the CAT.

Thank you.