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UPR 14 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Sri Lanka

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka to the UPR. We thank for the comprehensive report and recognize the efforts of the Government as well as number of challenges remaining in the crucial processes of reconciliation and strengthening of the rule of law.

With regard to protection against torture and ill-treatment and based on our own positive experience with the OPCAT, we would like to **recommend** Sri Lanka

- 1) to accede to it and
- 2) to adopt further measures to prevent torture and ill-treatment in particular in prison and detention centers.

Finally, we would like the delegation to elaborate more on situation of human rights defenders and would like to **recommend** adoption of a national policy to provide them with protection and ensure investigation and punishment of threats or attacks against them.

Thank you.