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UPR 15 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Mali

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Mali and expresses its appreciation for its participation in the UPR.

We are aware of the challenges Mali is facing due to the armed conflict. We profoundly hope that order will be restored soon and concrete measures will be undertaken by the authorities to protect and promote human rights in the country in the period to the free and transparent elections, which will allow the restoration of constitutional order and creation of the democratically elected constitutional institutions.

We take note of some positive trends and achievements, including the adoption of the Personal and Family Code and a National Plan of Action for the Elimination of Child Labour. However we remain concerned about the continuing violence women are facing including excision.

We also note with deep concern the cases of journalists prevented from freely exercising their profession, we are generally concerned about the freedom of expression in Mali.

Bearing these in mind and following on our previous recommendations during the first cycle we would like to reiterate our recommendations:

1. to issue and implement standing invitation to special procedures of the Human Rights Council;
2. to intensify the public awareness campaign against the FGM and to adopt and implement legislation prohibiting and criminalizing FGM.