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UPR 15 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Montenegro

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Montenegro and thanks for its participation in the UPR and for the national report.

We recognize the progress Montenegro has reached in the area of human rights in the last years. Following on our previous recommendations we particularly welcome the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

We would like to encourage the Government to continue in its efforts to resolve in a durable and sustainable manner issues related to refugees, displaced persons (DPs) and IDPs . In this regard, we recommend to Montenegro to take further steps to regulate the legal status of the IDPs with the focus on children born outside of health institutions.

While we recognize the steps Montenegro has taken regarding the freedom of expression, we would like to recommend to effectively address and investigate attacks against journalists and human rights defenders.

Finally we recommend to fully implement adopted legal measures against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.