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UPR 15 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Serbia

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

We welcome the improvement of the Serbian legislation regarding the protection of independent journalists and we would like to encourage the Serbian authorities to ensure full and effective implementation of these laws. We are still concerned by the violence and threats against journalists.

Available information raises our concerns about the effectiveness of combating the domestic violence. The Czech Republic would like to recommend to the Government the effective implementation of the relevant policies in this field in order to prevent domestic violence and to ensure impartial and prompt investigation and prosecution of perpetrators.

Finally, we would like to encourage the Serbian authorities to ensure the full respect for the rights of the LGBT community. In this regard we recommend that further steps be taken to protect the LGBT population from intolerance, hate speech, and physical attacks as well as to ensure the better inclusion of the LGBT population and to promote tolerance in this regard.

Thank you.