

UPR 16 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Azerbaijan

Mr. President,

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Azerbaijan and expresses appreciation for its participation in the 16th session of UPR.

The Czech Republic appreciates the efforts of the Government with regard to the improvement of the normative legal base as well as adoption of many international treaties, implementation of which will significantly contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights.

To encourage Azerbaijan to continue in its efforts to promote and protect human rights, the Czech Republic would like to make following recommendations.

We recommend to Azerbaijan to take effective measures to ensure the full realization of the rights to freedom of expression, including on internet, assembly and association as well as to ensure that all human rights defenders, lawyers and other civil society actors are able to carry out their legitimate activities without fear or threat of reprisal.

With regard to the need to strengthen protection against discrimination and violence against vulnerable groups as are women and children, we would like to recommend to establish specialized juvenile courts and to provide training to enforcement and judicial officers working on juvenile cases on international standards and guidelines on juvenile justice.

Thank you.