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UPR 16 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Bangladesh

Mr. President,

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh and expresses appreciation for its participation in this review and for the comprehensive report on measures taken in the human rights area.

We would like to commend the Government of Bangladesh for the progress made in institutional protection of human rights. In this connection we recommend to Government of Bangladesh to ensure the fair trials to all defendants before the Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal, being judged for crimes against humanity during the Liberation War of 1971.

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

We recommend to Bangladesh to continue to adopt measures to fight impunity and acts of torture, harassment of civilians, including those committed by law enforcement officials. In this connection and following on our previous recommendation we recommend ratifying the OP CAT and establishing its national preventive mechanism accordingly.

We would also like to recommend to respect, protect and fulfil the human rights of stateless Rohingya persons, to prioritize improving the situation of the Rohingya refugees, finalize its refugee policy and take measures to reinstate the resettlement programme.

Thank you.