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UPR 16 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Colombia

Mr. President,

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Colombia and thanks for its comprehensive national report presenting the positive developments achieved since the last review.

In particular, the Czech Republic commends the enactment of Victims and Land Restitution Law (1448).

To encourage Colombia to continue in its efforts to promote and protect human rights as well as strengthen the rule of law, the Czech Republic would like to make the following recommendations:

- Ensure that the relatives of victims of enforced disappearances, their representatives, and those who report enforced disappearance will not be subject to attacks and persecution;
- Accede to OP-CAT and establish the national preventive mechanism accordingly;
- Ensure access of all children to free and compulsory primary education and to accede to the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.

Thank you.