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UPR 16 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Cuba

Mr. President,

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Cuba and to encourage Cuba to promote and protect human rights, the Czech Republic would like to make following recommendations:

- Take effective measures to ensure the full realization of the rights to freedom of expression, including on internet, assembly and association;
- Implement legal safeguards to ensure protection of human rights defenders, including journalists, against abuse of provisions for criminal prosecution and release all political prisoners;
- Carry out an independent investigation of the car accident of Oswaldo Payá;
- Accede to the ICCPR and ICESCR and to bring national legislation in compliance with relevant provisions of these Covenants;
- Widely publish the outcome of this UPR and make regular and inclusive consultations with civil society an integral part of the follow-up to the UPR.

Thank you.