

CZECH REPUBLIC

17th UPR – STATEMENT ON MEXICO

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Mexico.

We commend the Government of Mexico for adopting the 2011 constitutional amendments, strengthening also the National Human Rights Commission.

Regarding the fight against organized crime, there are reports indicating widespread human rights violations by the state security forces. Both criminal groups and state security forces continue to threaten or attack human rights defenders and journalists. In this regard, we welcome the creation of the Human Rights Defenders and Journalists Protection Mechanism. We **recommend** that Mexico provide all necessary support to this Mechanism and ensure full cooperation and its implementation at state and municipal levels.

Further, we are concerned that the human rights violations by military personnel continue to be prosecuted in military courts despite Mexico's Supreme Court declaring it unconstitutional. We **recommend** that Mexico launch a reform of the Code of Military Justice, so that the military cannot claim jurisdiction over human rights violations' cases.

Thank you, Mr. President.