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STATEMENT ON CHILE

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Czech Republic wishes to welcome the delegation of Chile.

We commend Chile for the termination of the military courts' jurisdiction over civilians, as recommended at the last UPR cycle. In order to fully comply with international standards of fair trial, we **recommend** guaranteeing the civil courts' jurisdiction is applied also in cases of police-persons (Carabineros) accused of violations of human rights.

We **recommend** that Chile address effectively the issue of excessive use of force by the police, especially during demonstrations and protests, as well as human rights violations and ill-treatment in detention.

In order to ensure equality of rights of women, indigenous peoples and other groups, we **recommend** Chile uphold the implementation of the anti-discrimination law. In this regard, we would like to reiterate our previous statement of 2009 and **recommend** Chile reviewing its Penal Code, namely art. 373, and other laws in order to prevent discrimination against LGBTI persons.

Regarding sexual and reproductive rights of women, we **recommend** that the Government of Chile initiate and promote a public debate on the abortion in cases of diagnosed medical necessity and decriminalize abortion in such cases.

I thank you.