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CZECH REPUBLIC

STATEMENT ON YEMEN

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Yemen.

While appreciating the efforts by the Government of Yemen to improve the domestic human rights situation, we are concerned about a number of human rights violations requiring an urgent action.

The Czech Republic would like to make the following **recommendations**:

1. To publish clear instructions on the use of force during protests in compliance with international human rights standards and ensure that training of law enforcement personnel incorporates best human rights practices.
2. To ensure full protection and realization of the right to freedom of expression as well as the right to peaceful assembly and association in accordance with international human rights standards.
3. To take all necessary measures to ensure that women are not discriminated against. In this regard, we **recommend** that the Personal Status Law be amended so that it is in conformity with international standards, that protection of women from domestic violence and investigation of violence within family be ensured, and forced marriages be prohibited in all cases.
4. To impose a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing the capital punishment. Further, with regard to numerous cases of juvenile offenders facing the death penalty, we also **recommend** Yemen ensure that special attention is paid to cases where the age of alleged juvenile offenders is in dispute while fully respecting international human rights law.

I thank you.