

UPR 19 – QATAR

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Qatar.

We commend Qatar for efforts to advance human rights, notably for extending standing invitation to all Special Procedures.

We make the following **recommendations**:

We **recommend** that Qatar ensure that the judicial and law enforcement system is not abused to harass individuals for expressing their political or religious views, including on the Internet. In this regard, we also **recommend** Qatar refrain from adopting any laws providing for censorship or undue control over the content of the media.

We **recommend** Qatar revising Law No. 18 of 2004 in order to remove restricting conditions for acquiring permission for a public demonstration and undertake other steps to guarantee the full enjoyment of the rights to freedom of assembly and association.

We **recommend** that Qatar take concrete steps to enhance women's awareness of their rights and guarantee and increase women's public and political participation. We also **recommend** that the Government adopt specific legislation to criminalize all forms of violence against women.

Finally, we **recommend** that Qatar take measures to ensure access of migrants and non-citizens, especially children, to justice, employment, education, housing, and health services.

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