

UPR20 – BOLIVIA

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Bolivia and would like to express appreciation for its national report and the informative presentation today. We have the following recommendations:

- Recognizing the important role of human rights defenders in the protection of human rights, we would like to **recommend** Bolivia ensure the protection of human rights defenders and journalists as well as efficient and impartial investigation of threats and attacks targeting them.
- Second, we would like to **recommend** Bolivia establish shelters and provide further social services for victims of domestic violence.
- Third, with regard to the protection against torture, we would like to welcome steps taken to establish a national preventive mechanism and **recommend** further strengthening, as to its funding and independence, of the national preventive mechanism under the OP-CAT so that it can function effectively and impartially.
- Finally, we **recommend** that Bolivia adopt further measures to reduce prison overcrowding, *inter alia* through reducing the rate of pre-trial detention.

I thank you.

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