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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of El Salvador and would like to express its sincere appreciation for the delegation's participation in UPR and details on human rights situation in the country.

- With regard to human rights of women, we would like to **recommend** that El Salvador ensure that all cases of gender-based violence are properly investigated, the perpetrators are brought to justice and at the same time that its victims have better access to justice, health and social services and state support.
- Further, we would like to **recommend** that the Government initiate an open public debate on sexual and reproductive health and rights and decriminalize medical/ life-saving abortion and abortion in cases of pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.
- In the area of the rights of the child, we would like to **recommend** making increased efforts to protect children from economic exploitation, *inter alia* through introduction of legislation establishing minimum age for admission to employment and ensuring decent working conditions.
- Finally, while welcoming steps towards ratification of the OP CAT (Optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment), we would like to **recommend** that the Government speed up the process of ratification of the OP CAT and establish an effective preventive national mechanism.

Thank you.

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