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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Iran and thanks for its informative opening statement.

Drawing on our advance questions, we would like to **recommend** that the Government of Iran:

- enhance freedom of the media, establish effective protection mechanisms for journalists against attacks and intimidation and grant its people free access to electronic media;
- amend the Islamic Penal Code and outlaw inhuman corporal punishments;
- accede to the CAT and OP-CAT (Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol);
- abolish the death penalty at least for juvenile perpetrators;
- accede to the CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women);
- review its legislation and policy so as to ensure freedom of religion of persons belonging to religious minorities, including Bahá'í, as well as protection of their other human rights without any discrimination.

I thank you.

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