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ARMENIA

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Armenia. We appreciate the information on the implementation of previous UPR recommendations (*as well as responses to some of our advance questions ...*).

The Czech Republic has the following **recommendations**:

We regret that the work on anti-discrimination legislation has stalled and **recommend** that Armenia renew its efforts and adopt and fully implement a comprehensive anti-discrimination law.

Second, we **recommend** Armenia take concrete measures for the improvement of the electoral process, including enhancing the transparency of voters' lists and preventing election violence and intimidation and creating environment for free election campaigning.

Third, in the field of the rule of law, we **recommend** Armenia strengthen the independence of the judiciary by separating it from executive powers, adopt a Criminal Procedure Code in compliance with international standards and address prison overcrowding and the overuse of pre-trial detention.

Lastly, we **recommend** that Armenia enhance the fight against domestic and gender-based violence, strengthen protection mechanisms for victims of domestic violence and adopt a comprehensive domestic violence law putting in place effective prevention and protection mechanisms.

Thank you.