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GUINEA

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Guinea. 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**:

First, we **recommend** that Guinea implement the recommendations of the 2013 election observation missions and ensure that elections in 2015 and beyond are free and fair and preceded by inclusive and free campaigning.

Second, we **recommend** the Government ensure the safety of journalists and independence of the media, including in the run-up to the elections, and the rigorous implementation of the Organic Law (No. L/2010/02/CNT) of 22 June 2010 on freedom of the press.

Third, we **recommend** Guinea adopt a comprehensive strategy to fight against female genital mutilation (FGM), including the punishment of its perpetrators, educational and awareness-raising programmes as well as medical support to women and girls affected.

Finally, we **recommend** ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OP-CAT) and a swift establishment of a national preventive mechanism in accordance with the Protocol.

Thank you.