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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Sweden. We appreciate the informative presentation on human rights challenges and achievements as well as responses to some of our advance questions.

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

In the area of prevention and fight against torture, we **recommend** further strengthening of the Parliamentary Ombudsman as a national preventive mechanism in accordance with the OP-CAT. While noting the inquiry currently carried out on the necessity to incorporate a specific torture provision in the Penal Code, we **recommend** Sweden strengthen its legal framework and explicitly criminalize torture under the Penal Code in accordance with Article 1 of the CAT.

We also **recommend** that Sweden adopt measures against ethnic profiling and prevent any collection of personal data on the basis of ethnic origin without the prior consent of those concerned.

I thank you.