

**UPR21****TURKEY****STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkey. We appreciate the delegation's informative presentation and the response to some of our advance questions.

We have the following **recommendations**:

- Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and effectively implement it;
- Revise the Internet Law so that the powers of the authorities to block or remove the Internet content are exercised strictly in line with international standards on the right to freedom of expression and ensure that the Internet can serve as a platform for the free exchange of information, including dissenting views;
- Amend the provisions on libel and defamation so that they cannot be abused to prosecute human rights defenders and journalists;
- Facilitate holding peaceful protests, protect all peaceful demonstrators from violence and arbitrary arrest and fight impunity for the use of excessive force against protestors by law-enforcement personnel.

Thank you.