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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Croatia. We appreciate the delegation's response to some of our advance questions.

The Czech Republic has the following **recommendations** to the Government of Croatia:

First, we **recommend** Croatia to review compliance of the Criminal Code, which now defines domestic violence only as a bodily injury, with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) as elaborated on in the General Recommendation No. 19 of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Second, we **recommend** that Croatia further step up its efforts to investigate and prosecute effectively war crimes and strengthen the capacity of domestic courts and witness protection mechanisms in this regard.

Finally, the Czech Republic **recommends** Croatia to ensure that services for persons with disabilities support to the greatest extent possible their independence and that more community-based living choices are created for them in compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Thank you.