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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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

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

First, we **recommend** that Liberia set up a mechanism to fight more effectively discrimination against women, prevent and punish sexual and gender-based violence, ban female genital mutilation and other harmful traditional practices and effectively enforce the ban while stepping up the fight against these practices through public-awareness campaigns.

Second, we **recommend** Liberia swiftly establish a national preventive mechanism in accordance with OP-CAT ratified in 2004 and speed up the process of incorporation of provisions of other ratified international human rights instruments into national legislation.

Thirdly, we **recommend** Liberia strengthen the judicial system in order to ensure the respect for due process and reform the system of pre-trial detention.

Finally, we **recommend** that the Government ensure that the revision of the Constitution is firmly based on human rights and complies with international human rights standards.

Thank you.