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MONGOLIA

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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

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

First, we **recommend** that Mongolia adopt a comprehensive law against discrimination on all grounds, including legal protection of victims.

Second, we **recommend** the Government of Mongolia decriminalize defamation and put in place safeguards ensuring that criticism of or reporting on the activities of state and regional authorities do not lead to persecution or harassment.

The Czech Republic welcomes Mongolia's recent ratification of OP-CAT and **recommends** that the Government establish a robust and well-resourced national preventive mechanism in accordance with the OP-CAT. We further **recommend** Mongolia improve prosecution of all allegations of torture as well as conditions in detention and prison facilities and strengthen legal safeguards available to victims of torture.

Finally, we **recommend** the Government improve access of victims of domestic violence to effective protection and redress, strengthen the capacity for prosecution of perpetrators of domestic violence and criminalize marital rape.

Thank you.