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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of the United States. We appreciate the national report preceded by a broad consultation process with civil society as well as the delegation's response to some of our advance questions.

We have the following **recommendations**:

First, we **recommend** that the United States ratify without delay the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in accordance with its previously expressed commitment. We also **recommend** that the United States ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT).

We further **recommend** the United States issue a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

And finally, we **recommend** that the United States strengthen safeguards against torture and ill-treatment in all detention facilities in any territory under its jurisdiction, ensure proper and transparent investigation and prosecution of individuals responsible for all allegations of torture and ill-treatment, including those documented in the unclassified Senate summary on CIA activities published in December 2014 and provide redress to victims of these crimes and their families.

Thank you.