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AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Australia. (We appreciate the response to some of our advance questions).

We have the following **recommendations**:

First, we **recommend** that Australia ratify and effectively implement, before its next UPR cycle, the OP-CAT.

Second, we **recommend** improving conditions in youth detention facilities including through ensuring independent and effective investigation of all allegations of human rights violations therein. In this regard, we also **recommend** abolishing the mandatory minimum sentencing of juvenile offenders.

Further, we **recommend** that Australia effectively implement the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and Their Children and strengthen its actions to reduce violence and sexual abuse of women with disabilities and indigenous women.

Lastly, we **recommend** Australia amend its electoral legislation so that any deprivation of the right to vote of citizens serving a prison sentence is reasonable and proportionate and applied only for the committing of most serious crimes.

Thank you.