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GEORGIA

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Georgia. (We appreciate the response to some of our advance questions). We acknowledge the genuine efforts of Georgia aimed at improving respect for human rights and the rule of law (since the previous UPR cycle).

We have the following **recommendations**:

We **recommend** that Georgia ensure the right to freedom of expression, in particular through ensuring plurality and independence of the media as well as protection of media outlets critical to the government from harassment and attacks.

Second, we **recommend** strengthening the independence of the judiciary and transparency of judicial proceedings and adopt measures preventing political interference in the work of judges.

Third, we **recommend** Georgia to adopt measures providing for independent and effective investigation and prosecution of all cases of alleged ill-treatment of persons in detention facilities as well as for remedies for victims.

And lastly, the Czech Republic **recommends** that Georgia improve the implementation of the anti-discrimination law, including disseminating the information on its provisions to the public as well as the personnel of the justice and law enforcement systems and strengthening the role of the Ombudsperson in this regard.

Thank you.