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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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

We have the following three **recommendations**:

First, we **recommend** that Belgium ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish without delay an effective national preventive mechanism with adequate personnel and financial resources.

Second, we **recommend** enhancing efforts to alleviate prison overcrowding and improve the overall conditions in places of detention, including assessing the impact and effectiveness of measures adopted thus far to address this issue.

And third, we **recommend** Belgium to undertake a revision of its reservations to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other core international human rights treaties with a view to deepen and broaden the human rights protection in the country.

Thank you.