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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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

We have the following **recommendations** to Singapore:

- to ensure full enjoyment of the right to freedom of expression and to peaceful assembly and revise its national legislation, *inter alia* the Internal Security Act and the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act, in order to eliminate media censorship and prevent self-censorship; in this regard, we also recommend protecting bloggers from persecution and harassment for the exercise of their human rights;
- to eliminate provisions in national legislation that discriminate against women and other groups such as LGBTI persons, including revising the Section 377A of the Penal Code;
- to ratify the Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocol thereto as well as the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

I thank you.