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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Greece. (We appreciate the informative presentation today including the response to some of our advance questions).

We have the following **recommendations**:

First, we **recommend** that Greece initiate a long-term awareness-raising campaign against domestic violence and its root causes among the general public as well as professionals such as medical doctors, judges and the police and monitor and evaluate regularly the implementation of the domestic violence law and policies in order to strengthen the remedies and legal protection available to victims of domestic violence.

Second, we **recommend** strengthening efforts preventing torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, including through ensuring that the Office responsible for handling alleged instances of abuses as foreseen by Law 3938/2011 functions effectively and independently and with sufficient funding and staff.

And finally, the Czech Republic **recommends** Greece to adopt and effectively implement a national action plan on the rights of the child with special attention to protection of the rights of children in institutional care and children with disabilities.

Thank you.