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STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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

We have the following **recommendations**:

We **recommend** that Hungary implement effectively its legislation and policies against hate speech and hate crimes with particular focus on the human rights protection of Roma, Jews, LGBTIs and other vulnerable groups.

Second, we **recommend** the Government to ensure that the constitutional amendment prohibiting speech that would violate the dignity of the Hungarian nation cannot be used to silence criticism and limit freedom of the speech as guaranteed by Articles 19 and 20 of the ICCPR (~~under the ICCPR~~). In this regard, we also **recommend** taking concrete steps to promote pluralism of the media and their independent work, including the exercise of their watchdog function.

Finally, the Czech Republic **recommends** Hungary to improve both formal and informal dialogue and public consultation between the Government and civil society, including on proposed legislation with an impact on human rights.

Thank you.