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SUDAN

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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

We have the following **recommendations**:

- to ratify CAT and the Optional Protocol thereto;
- to take concrete steps to ensure a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders and other civil society actors, journalists and members of the opposition, while also ensuring that civil society can meaningfully participate in all stages of the UPR process without hindrance and fear of reprisals;
- to strengthen measures to address violence against women, including sexual violence, provide help for its victims and hold accountable its perpetrators, while also ensuring effective implementation of the laws prohibiting FGM at the state level and adopting legislation prohibiting the FGM completely throughout the country;
- to review and amend legislation containing discriminatory provisions towards women such as, *inter alia*, the Personal Status Law and the Criminal Law, and adopt a national action plan on gender equality.

Thank you.