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**SWAZILAND**

**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

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

We make the following **recommendations**:

First, we **recommend** Swaziland to review the Suppression of Terrorism Act of 2008 and Sedition and Subversive Activities Act of 1938 so that they do not impede the right to freedom of expression as guaranteed under the ICCPR and are fully aligned with Swaziland's Constitution and contain safeguards against any arbitrary abuse directed against dissent or criticism of the authorities or the Government.

Second, we **recommend** that Swaziland revise the Constitution, in particular its section 79, and other laws and policies as necessary, in order to allow forming of political parties and facilitate and encourage all forms of citizens' participation in political and public life as guaranteed under the ICCPR and the ICESCR.

Third, we **recommend** ratifying the Rome Statute of the ICC and the Optional Protocol to CAT.

Finally, the Czech Republic **recommends** that Swaziland strengthen the independence of the judiciary in line with the UN Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary.

Thank you.