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**Recommendations by Czechia**

**to Mexico**

Mr. Chair,

Czechia welcomes the Mexican delegation and commends Mexico’s progress in the ratification of various international and regional human rights instruments, such as the Escazú Agreement, since its last UPR.

In this UPR cycle, we wish to recommend that Mexico:

1. Fully guarantee the **right to freedom of opinion and expression** by strengthening the Protection Mechanisms for journalists and for human rights defenders;
2. Effectively implement the national policy on **eradication and prevention of enforced disappearances** to demonstrate concrete results in terms of the search of missing persons and the conviction of perpetrators;
3. Take concrete steps in order to improve the implementation of existing measures aimed at **protecting women from any form of gender-based violence** and at convicting perpetrators.

Czechia wishes Mexico a successful UPR.

I thank you.