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**Recommendations by Czechia**

**to GAMBIA**

Czechia welcomes the delegation of Gambia. We take positive note of Gambia’s efforts to prevent torture and improve access to justice.

We wish to recommend that Gambia:

1. Issue a standing invitation to the UN human rights Special Procedures;
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish the National Preventive Mechanism in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol;
3. Enforce the ban on female genital mutilation;
4. Protect freedom of expression and independent media and journalists.

We wish Gambia a successful review.

Thank you.