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**Review of Czech Republic**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Czechia and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We would like to commend the high level of implementation of recommendations received by the Czech Government in the second UPR cycle as well as methods of monitoring this implementation, including through the cooperation between the Government and the civil society.

It is worth mentioning the variety of strategies and action plans that work as the instruments of safeguarding human rights in their numerous aspects, in particular, the National Strategy to Protect Children’s Rights, the National Strategy for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the Roma Integration Strategy, the Government’s Strategy for Equality between Women and Men, the Action Plan for the Prevention of Domestic and Gender-motivated Violence to name a few.

A significant number of international human rights instruments were domesticated since the previous review, while some are under consideration.

We would like to **recommend** the following:

First, taking into account that the Public Defender of Rights (ombudsperson) already complies with many of the Paris Principles, to take steps aimed at proper accrediting the ombudsperson;

Second, to finalize the process of the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**Thank you.**