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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Argentina. We appreciate the informative presentation today as well as the participation of Argentina in voluntary mid-term reporting.

We make the following **recommendations**:

* Firstly, to establish the national preventive mechanism against torture in accordance with the OP CAT and ensure independent and effective investigation and prosecution of all cases of alleged ill-treatment of persons in detention facilities and prisons as well as for remedies for victims.
* Secondly, to improve prosecution of femicide and all forms of violence against women and ensure that victims have access to shelters and other support services including health services.
* Thirdly, to amend the Law on Discriminatory Acts to recognize sexual orientation and gender identity as prohibited grounds for discrimination before its next UPR cycle.
* And finally, to establish mechanism for comprehensive assistance and protection of human rights defenders including indigenous civil society activists and include them in its design.

Thank you.