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**PAKISTAN**

**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Pakistan. We appreciate the informative presentation which gives an overview about the human rights situation in the country.

We make the following **recommendations**:

* First, to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish its national preventive mechanism accordingly.
* Second, to re-establish a moratorium on the death penalty.
* Third, to revise the Law on Blasphemy so that it cannot be abused against religious minorities.
* Four, to address the societal acceptance of violence against women and ensure punishment for all perpetrators of violence against women.
* And finally, to protect independent journalists and media against any intimidation or violence, including enforced disappearance.

We wish the delegation of Pakistan a succesful UPR.

Thank you.