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**Estonia**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Estonia.

We appreciate the recently adopted human rights action plan that sets out Government’s priorities and we welcome the appointment of Ambassador at Large for Human Rights and Migration.

We **recommend** the following:

1. Step up efforts in ratifying international human rights treaties and optional protocols, including CED, Optional Protocol to CEDAW and the Third Optional Protocol to CRC.
2. Amend the Equal Treatment Act and provide equal protection against discrimination on all the grounds prohibited under the ICCPR in all spheres of life.
3. Take effective measures to end domestic and gender-based violence and amend the Penal Code to review the definition of rape.
4. Ensure full implementation of the Registered Partnership Act by adopting all necessary provisions.

Thank you.