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**Singapore**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Singapore.

We appreciate measures introduced by the Government of Singapore to improve the situation of women, including the criminalisation of marital rape or increased penalties for the trafficking of women and girls. We also welcome the ratification of the CERD (International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination).

We **recommend** the following:

1. Ratify the core international human rights treaties including the ICCPR, CESCR, CAT and CED.
2. Adopt a moratorium on executions with the ultimate aim of abolishing the death penalty.
3. Ensure the full enjoyment of the right to freedom of expression, eliminate media censorship and allow peaceful demonstrations without undue restrictions.
4. Eliminate all forms of discrimination, including those based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and repeal legal provisions that criminalize homosexuality.

Thank you.