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**Greece**

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The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Greece.

As a follow-up to our previous recommendation, we welcome the recent launch of the National Strategy for Deinstitutionalization. We also welcome the adoption of legislation on promoting substantive gender equality and preventing and combating gender-based violence.

We recommend the following:

* To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.
* To ensure that the Ombudsman as the national preventive mechanism against torture is provided with the necessary financial and personnel resources to function effectively.
* To thoroughly investigate reported cases of excessive use of force by law enforcement officers, to review crowd control procedures applied in the context of demonstrations and to provide training to all law enforcement officers on the use of force.
* To step up efforts to increase participation of women in political life and in the labour force and entrepreneurship.