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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Hungary and thanks for its national report.

We commend Hungary for its commitment to combat anti-Semitism, including by declaring a zero tolerance policy against this phenomenon. We further appreciate the progress made in responding to hate crimes.

The Czech Republic **recommends** to:

* Take concrete steps to guarantee the freedom of the media and their independent work and promote a pluralist, transparent and participatory media environment, both offline and online, including steps to ensure the independence of the media regulator.
* Intensify its efforts to combat all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance, including by taking action against hate speech and hate crimes against minority and vulnerable groups.
* Provide sufficient financial and other resources for the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights necessary to implement its mandate independently and effectively.
* Improve both formal and informal dialogue and public consultation between the Government and civil society. Foster sharing of information and best practices between civil society and the Commission for Fundamental Rights (the Ombudsperson).
* Strengthen efforts to provide access to non-discriminatory and inclusive education for Roma children and take steps to improve their educational opportunities, including by addressing their special needs, ensuring adequate training of educational personnel and securing adequate funding.

Thank you.