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**Thailand**

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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

(The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Thailand.)

We welcome Thailand’s commitment to enact a legal framework to protect persons from enforced disappearances and torture, (as well as its achievements in the area of business and human rights).

We **recommend** to:

* Ensure that the right to freedom of expression and opinion and the freedom of assembly are fully respected and protected, including in the context of a state of emergency
* Take further steps to ensure a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders, stop all forms of harassment, violence and intimidation against them and ensure prompt, transparent and independent investigation into all reported cases
* Step up efforts to increase participation of women in political and public life, and take concrete steps to prevent and address all forms of violence against women and girls, including sexual and domestic violence

We further **recall our recommendation** to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish an independent and well-resourced national preventive mechanism.