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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania. We welcome some recent positive developments concerning freedom of media, functioning of judiciary system and empowerment of women. However we regret that most of our previous recommendations have not yet been implemented.

Thus, we once again recommend ratifying the Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocol thereto.

We recommend further promoting the freedom of media by ensuring the full compliance of the Media Service Bill of 2015 with the right to freedom of expression and implementing necessary legislative changes.

We strongly recommend further improving the independence of the judicial system and its impartial attitude towards the LGBTI community and ceasing of criminalisation of its activities.

Lastly, we welcome the efforts to protect persons with albinism and recommend strengthening these efforts in order to protect persons with albinism from violence.