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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Haiti. We commendHaiti's efforts to advance its legislative framework, in particular in the field of criminal law. Nevertheless, while recognizing the challenges Haiti has been facing in the recent past, including several natural disasters, we regret that most of our previous recommendations remain unaddressed.

The Czech Republic **recommends** thefollowing:

1. Ensure free and fair elections held peacefully in regular intervals at all levels in accordance with international standards.
2. Increase the protection of the most vulnerable groups of the population, especially children, and eliminate child labour in all areas by adopting appropriate reforms within the framework of labour law.
3. Ratify the Convention against Torture and sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, as well as the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
4. Ensure equal protection of LGBT people under Haitian law and guarantee appropriate State protection for LGBT organizations and public events.

I thank you.