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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic thanks the delegation of Syria for its report.

We note that our previous recommendations have yet to be implemented. Therefore we reiterate our recommendations that Syria:

* ensures immediate and unhindered access by the Commission of Inquiry and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council to the country and provides them with all necessary assistance;
* protects the civilian population in the armed conflict, and ensures accountability for all cases of violations and abuses of international human rights law and international humanitarian law;
* ratifies and implements the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture;
* reviews the Personal Status Law, which will remove the provisions that are discriminatory towards women.

Thank you.