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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Moldova. We appreciate attempts to reform the justice sector in the recent past and we hope that it will lead to a fully independent judiciary system trusted by the general public in future.

Following up on the previous review we **recommend** providing torture-prevention training to law-enforcement personnel and setting up procedures to properly investigate allegations of ill-treatment. We also **recommend** accelerating reforms to tackle the issues of overcrowding, adequate sanitation and access to health-care in prisons and detention centres.

Furthermore, we **recommend** taking steps to ensure that laws providing protection against domestic and gender-based violence are efficiently implemented and that victims are protected and provided with necessary assistance.

Bearing in mind the unsatisfactory human rights situation in Transnistria, we **recommend** providing systematic support and assistance to victims of human rights abuses in the abovementioned region.

Thank you.