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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Tunisia. We appreciate the efforts of the Tunisian authorities to adjust the legislation concerning media freedom and procedures for investigations of torture. However, we regret that in practice, these measures are not implemented. Victims of torture face obstructions to be compensated accordingly.

We recommend once again:

* To strengthen the capacities of the **national prevention mechanism** **to investigate torture** committed by state security forces and
* To always **prosecute the perpetrators**.

We further recommend ensuring that the presidential decree n. 54/2022 addressing the dissemination of **fake news** is implemented consistently with the Constitution of Tunisia and thus protecting freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

Regarding the upcoming parliamentary elections in December 2022, we recommend to organize the **election process** in accordance with international democratic standards.

Thank you.