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**ZAMBIA**

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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Zambia. We appreciate the abolition of the death penalty and steps taken towards elimination of child marriages.

We wish to further recommend to:

* Ratify the **2nd Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights** *on abolishment of the death penalty*;
* Improve the **situation of detained persons**, especially concerning the overcrowding in detention places and access of detainees to the health care;
* Ratify the **Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture** *on establishment of monitoring mechanisms of detention places*;
* Extend a **standing invitation for country visits** to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council;
* Implement the **recommendations of the EU Election Observation Mission** which observed general elections in Zambia in August 2021.

I thank you.