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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Japan to the fourth cycle of the UPR and thanks for its presentation today.

We welcome progress made in numerous areas since the last UPR cycle, including the rights of women and girls. We note that some of our previous recommendations are yet to be fully implemented.

The Czech Republic therefore wishes to recommend:

* To adopt comprehensive **anti-discrimination legislation**, including with regard to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.
* To ratify the **Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture** and
* To improve **prison and detention conditions** to bring them fully in line with international norms and standards, including with regard to access to health care.

We wish Japan every success in this UPR cycle.

I thank you.