**Statement by Kazakhstan**

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**Czech Republic**

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Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of the Czech Republic to the fourth cycle of UPR and appreciates country’s active participation in the work of UN Human Rights Council.

My delegation commends the measures taken by Czechia to combat human trafficking and domestic violence as well as the adoption of the National Strategy to Protect Children’s Rights 2021-2029 aimed at protecting the rights of all children under the cooperation of public administration, experts and NGO’s.

We would like to make the following **recommendations**:

* Continue to improve policies to combat hate crimes and share its best practices with other Member countries;
* Enhance efforts to promote women’s effective participation and decision-making in public and political life, to increase the number of women in elected positions;
* Consider establishing a specialized and independent institution for children to support the protection of children’s rights.

We wish the delegation of Czechia a successful review.