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**UPR of Chechia**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 23 January 2023*

Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to thank the delegation of the Czechia for the presentation of their national report and their participation in the UPR process.

Poland acknowledges efforts taken to implement recommendations of the forth cycle of UPR. We welcome adoption of the Strategic Framework Czech Republic 2030, defining long-term sustainable development priorities for the next decade.

We also appreciate adoption of the first national action plan for business and human rights, containing tasks for public bodies and recommendations for businesses how to prevent human rights violations and address their consequences.

Therefore, Poland respectfully recommends that Czechia:

* aligns its child justice system fully with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant standards, and in particular to ensure that children under 15 years of age, the minimum age of criminal responsibility, were not treated as offenders and establish and promote non-judicial measures, such as diversion, mediation and counselling, for all children in conflict with the law, regardless of their age, and, wherever possible, the use of noncustodial sentences for children, such as probation or community service.
* recommend that Czechia ensures that officials refrained from any interference with the legitimate exercise of the right to freedom of expression of journalists and media workers, that their effective protection against any kind of threat, pressure, intimidation or attack was guaranteed, and that illegal acts against journalists were thoroughly investigated and those responsible were brought to justice.
* urge that Czechia pursue its efforts to combat trafficking in persons, including by ensuring that perpetrators of trafficking in persons were identified, prosecuted and adequately punished.

I thank you for your attention.