**National Statement, delivered by Third Secretary, Danyal Hasnain, during the 4th UPR Review of Czech Republic**

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Mr. Vice President,

We welcome the delegation of Czech Republic and thank it for presentation of its 4th UPR report.

We acknowledge the steps taken by the Czech Republic to combat discrimination and hate speech and strengthening the protection of foreign workers.

We have the following recommendations:

1. Intensify efforts for providing minority communities with equal access to employment, education and housing;
2. Strengthen and safeguard the economic and social rights of migrants and refugees and facilitate their family reunification;
3. Increase awareness in mainstream education to overcome prejudices against some minorities and take steps for preservation of minority groups’ cultural and linguistic identities.

We wish the Czech Republic a successful UPR.

I thank you!