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**Statement by Slovakia**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of the Czech Republic a thanks them for the presentation of the national report.

In recent years, the Czech Government has taken both, **legislative and policy steps** to improve the situation of **vulnerable groups**. We encourage the Czech authorities to put them into practice.

Slovakia also acknowledges the recently adopted **national human rights sanctions regime**. This is a strong signal of determination to **hold** those responsible for serious human rights violations and abuses **accountable.**

Slovakia offers following recommendations to the Czech Republic for consideration:

1/ To continue the implementation of policies to **fight discrimination** and **enhance the integration** of minorities with particular focus on **Roma population**.

2/ In the context of the ongoing war in Ukraine to pay an increased attention to the protection of the **vulnerable groups**, such as women and children **fleeing the war** in order to **prevent discrimination** on any ground.

We wish Czechia a successful review.

Thank you.