**CzECHIA / CZECH REPUBLIC**

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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Czechia / Czech Republic and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Implement fully the Strategy for Equality of Men and Women (2021–2030) and ensure its adequate financing.
2. Change the legal definition of rape (in the Criminal Code) to be based on lack of consent.
3. Ban discrimination and hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics by amending the Criminal Code.
4. Legalize same-sex marriage, allow same-sex couples to adopt (children as a couple) and to own shared estate.
5. Abolish the requirement of sterilization in the process of legal gender recognition.

I wish Czechia / the Czech Republic all success for its review.

I thank you.