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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Romania. We welcome the adoption of the National Strategies for the preventing and combating sexual violence and on promoting equal opportunities between women and men.

The Czech Republic wishes to again recommend Romaniato:

* Ratify the Optional Protocol to the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** on a communications procedure;

We further recommend to:

* Provide continuous and stable funding to the programmes and **shelters for victims of domestic violence** as well as continuous training of social workers;
* Employ structural measures to ensure equal access to state-supported **sexual and reproductive health care**, especially for women and girls from rural and/or marginalized communities;
* Create and employ a common methodology for **law enforcement** officials in order to effectively investigate and prosecute hate crimes, especially against LGBTI+ and Roma.

We wish Romania a successful review and look forward to continued close collaboration at the Human Rights Council.

I thank you.