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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Czechia welcomes the delegation of Serbia. We welcome the progress in a number of areas, including the constitutional reform and judiciary. We commend Serbia for the implementation of the Strategy for Prevention and Suppression of Trafficking in Human Beings and for adopting the Strategy for Prevention and Protection from Discrimination 2022-2030. We still note that some of our previous recommendations are yet to be fully implemented [*and we encourage further work in that regard*].

We wish to recommend to:

* Implement the legal framework protecting **freedom of expression**, including the media strategy, and combating **hate speech and disinformation**;
* Strengthen measures to identify and prosecute all those responsible for threats and attacks on **journalists and media workers**;
* Continue the efforts to eliminate discrimination on the basis of **sexual orientation and gender identity**, and raise public awareness on the harmfulness of **gender stereotypes**, including femicide;
* Adjust respective legislation securing full ban on **child marriage** and prevention of the **domestic and gender-based violence**.

We wish Serbia a successful review.

I thank you.