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**Statement by Czechia**

Czechia warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel.

We welcome the steps taken in recent years to address the socioeconomic and social needs of the Arab minority including the Bedouin communities as part of the approved 5-year plans.

We would like to recommend the following:

* Minimize the use of **administrative detention** and ensure that it is carried out within international human rights standards
* Continue efforts to combat **violence against women**, including economic violence, and to increase the representation of women in decision-making bodies
* Take further steps to ensure that **civil society organisations** and human rights defenders are able to safely carry out their legitimate work
* Ratify the **Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture** and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

We wish Israel a successful review.

Thank you.