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**Statement by Czechia**

Czechia warmly welcomes the delegation of UAE.

We welcome the establishment of the National Human Rights Institute in August 2021. We also noted the launch of the National Action Plan for Human Rights for 2022. We will welcome the information on its implementation.

We wish to recommend to:

* Extend a **standing invitation** to all Human Rights Council special procedures;
* Become a **State party to the ICCPR, ICESCR, CED** and the Optional Protocol to the CAT.
* Allow all **human rights defenders**, journalists and civil society organizations to exercise their rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly without undue restrictions.
* Create a comprehensive **national strategy** to systematically prevent and **eliminate torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment**, and eliminate practices of arbitrary detention and incommunicado detention.

We wish the UAE a successful review.

Thank you.