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**Statement by the Czechia**

Czechia welcomes the delegation of Mali. We welcome Mali’s commitment to the mandate of the Independent Expert and the continuing technical cooperation provided in line with the HRC resolution.

Unfortunately, none of our previous recommendations have been implemented.

Therefore, we once again recommend to:

* Issue and implement a **standing invitation to all special procedures** of the Human Rights Council
* Adopt a legislative ban on female **genital mutilation and domestic violence**
* Increase participation and representation of **women in elections**

We further wish to recommend to:

* Abolish the **death penalty** and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We wish Mali a successful review.

I thank you.