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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Montenegro. We appreciate the informative presentation which gives an overview about the human rights situation in the country.

We acknowledge progress Montenegro achieved in several human rights areas. We encourage it to continue its efforts and we offer the following **recommendations**:

Firstly, to increase efforts to prevent cases of violence against journalists and media workers.

Secondly, to ensure sufficient and stable funding of the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture and strengthen efforts to ensure that its recommendations are properly implemented.

Thirdly, to remove the statute of limitations on torture from the Criminal Code and effectively prevent and investigate allegations of physical ill-treatment of persons deprived of their liberty.

And finally to fully implement adopted legal measures against discrimination and effectively address reported cases of violence against persons based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

We wish the delegation of Montenegro a succesful UPR.

Thank you.