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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Romania. We appreciate the informative presentation which gives an overview about the human rights situation in the country.We also thank the delegation of Romania for the comments on some of our advance questions.

While acknowledging progress Romania achieved in several human rights areas, we encourage it to continue its efforts and we offer the following **recommendations**:

* Firstly, to ratify the Optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (OP-CRC-IC).
* Secondly, to monitor the implementation of the amended law on combating domestic violence and use the results to further improve the prosecution of domestic violence and ensure that all perpetrators are adequately punished.
* And finally, to launch an awareness-raising programme for the public against negative prejudices and discrimination against persons based on their sexual orientation or gender identity and against persons with HIV/AIDS.

We wish the delegation of Romania a succesful UPR.

Thank you.