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**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of United Arab Emirates. While acknowledging progress UAE achieved in some human rights areas, we encourage it to continue its efforts and we offer the following **recommendations**:

Firstly, to become a state party to ICCPR, ICESCR, ICPPED and OP CAT. Allow without delay visits of the representatives of the human rights special procedures of the Human Rights Council that requested so and issue a standing invitation to the thematic special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Secondly, to create a comprehensive national strategy to prevent and eliminate systematically torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. Eliminate practices of arbitrary detention and incommunicado detention. Ensure accountability of security staff for any acts of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

And finally to strengthen the independence of the judiciary. Ensure right to a fair trial for all without discrimination, in particular, reject evidence obtained by torture and ensure that all arrests without exceptions are subject to judicial oversight.

We wish the delegation of United Arab Emirates a succesful UPR.

Thank you.