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**Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. We reiterate our support for Afghanistan in achieving stability of the country and prosperity for Afghan people.

We welcome that Afghanistan implemented our previous recommendations to accede the OP-CAT. We also recognize the significance of the first fully Afghan-owned parliamentary elections held in October 2018. Clearly, there is a strong will of the Afghans to participate in political and public affairs. It needs to be further supported and nurtured.

In line with our previous UPR recommendations, we **recommend** that Afghanistan fully address challenges related to ensuring the integrity, neutrality and transparency of the electoral process as identified by the international community before the upcoming presidential election.

Moreover, we **recommend** Afghanistan to continue enforcing its Constitutional provisions on freedom of religious and belief including by duly protecting individuals and property from religiously motivated violence.

Finally, we **recommend** Afghanistan to implement the National Action Plan 1325 with adequate financial, human, monitoring and evaluation resources in order to further promote equal rights for women and girls **while expecting the same level of support and protection for boys.**

Thank you.