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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Slovakia and thanks fo its comprehensive presentation. We note with appreciation positive developments in several areas of human rights and concrete steps and measures adopted since the last UPR. In particular, we welcome the establishment of the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and the Office of the Commissioner for Children, adoption and implementation of numerous national strategies and action plans addressing, *inter alia,* the issue of discrimination, racism, xenophobia, protection of children from violence and gender equality, as well legislative changes aiming at more effective investigation of crimes of extremism and racially motivated crimes.

We encourage Slovakia to further strengthen the environment conducive for the enjoyment of human rights by all and we offer the following recommendations:

* (First), we **recommend** to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
* (Second), we **recommend** to initiate the process of developing a national action plan on business and human rights in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
* (And finally), we **recommend** to continue efforts to further improve access to education for socially disadvantaged children and to increase the school enrolment rate among Roma.

Thank you.