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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Angola and thanks for its comprehensive presentation.

The Czech Republic commends the Government of Angola for a series of positive steps with the potential of considerably improving the human rights situation in the country. We note with appreciation that Angola ratified three major human rights treaties this October: CAT, CERD and the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR. We feel encouraged by removing the restrictions on freedom of association and by the adoption of the National Strategy on Human Rights.

The Czech Republic makes the following **recommendations**:

1. Investigate all allegations of extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and torture by the police and security forces, bring the perpetrators to justice and compensate the victims;
2. Take further steps to improve the administration of justice, to safeguard the independence of the judiciary and to increase the number of trained judges, prosecutors and lawyers;
3. Ensure full enjoyment of social and economic rights for women and take effective measures against domestic and gender-based violence;

Thank you.