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**Recommendations by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic thanks the delegation of Egypt for its presentation and national report. We have noted that the new Constitution included provisions for enhancing women´s rights and welcome Egypt´s National Strategy for Women Empowerment and the increase in formal representation of women at decision-making levels.

To support Egypt´s efforts to advance human rights in the country, we would like to present the following recommendations:

Firstly, we **recommend** Egypt to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OP-CAT), establish the National Preventive Mechanism in accordance with OP-CAT and cooperate with the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture.

Secondly, we **recommend** (to review all death sentences and) to impose a moratorium on the use of death penalty with a view to its abolition.

Thirdly, we **recommend** toguarantee the right to a fair trial in accordance with international obligations (and to end all military trials of civilians).

Fourthly, we **recommend** Egypt to facilitate the work of civil society by amending the relevant restrictive legislation (such as the Protest Law, the Assembly Law, the Media Law, the Law of Associations and Other Foundations Working in the Field of Civil Work).

Finally, in line with the recommendations of the African Union Election Observation Mission, which observed the 2018 presidential elections, we **recommend** that Egypt improve the access of observers to the election process and review and amend the legislation governing freedoms of expression, association and assembly in line with international human rights law.

Thank you.