**UPR34 – Iran**

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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic thanks the delegation of Iran for its presentation.

We welcome the amendment to the drug trafficking law that entered into force on 14 November 2017. However, the law has retained mandatory death sentences for a wide range of drug-related offences, which we oppose as a matter of principle.

We note that the recommendations provided by the Czech Republic in the previous UPR cycle are yet to be fully implemented. In this respect, **we recommend that the Government of Iran**:

* fully cooperate and engage in with the United Nations special procedures, and enable a country visit by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran;
* accede to CEDAW, OP-ICCPR and OP-CAT;
* establish an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty, at least for juvenile perpetrators;
* abolish provisions of the penal code that excessively restrict the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, and release all prisoners of conscience;
* review its legislation and policy so as to ensure non-discrimination, especially on the grounds of religion or belief as well as SOGI.

Thank you.