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**Kenya**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the implementation of some of its previous recommendations as the changes to the Information Communication Act or the adoption of the Access to Information Bill, which strengthened the protection of freedom expression.

The Czech Republic **recommends** implementing its further recommendations from the 2nd UPR cycle of Kenya as to raise the age of criminal responsibility and to operationalize the Public Benefits Organizations Act.

We **recommend** strengthening the oversight over the state security forces and to properly investigate the allegations against the state security forces of torture, extrajudicial killings and arbitrary detentions.

We **recommend** implementing the recommendations of the 2017 EU Election Observation Mission, especially to strengthen the independence of the media and journalists and to provide protection for civil society.

We **recommend** to step up efforts against discrimination, with special emphasis on LGBTI persons and women, and to eradicate the female genital mutilation.

Thank you.