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**Kyrgyzstan**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic thanks the delegation of Kyrgyzstan for its comprehensive presentation. We take note with interest of some positive developments in the area of human rights, in particular efforts to combat human trafficking, ratification of CRPD and adoption of the National Gender Action Plan and the law on domestic violence.

We offer the following **recommendations** to the Government of Kyrgyzstan:

Firstly, the Czech Republic **recommends** to ratify CED (*International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance)*, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to issue standing invitation to all UN special procedures.

Secondly, we **recommend** to ensure sufficient financing of the national preventive mechanism against torture to safeguard its independent functioning, and to ensure compliance with international standards for the treatment of detainees in detention centres.

Thirdly, we **recommend** Kyrgyzstan to step up efforts to protect media freedom and the freedom of assembly. Journalists investigating corruption allegations should be able to do so freely and without any intereference. The right of citizens to peaceful protest must be ensured.

Fourthly, we **recommend** to strengthen equal participation in decision-making of all persons including those belonging to minorities and in this regard make use of the OHCHR *Guidelines for States on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs.*

Finally, the Czech Republic **recommends** to adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that defines all forms of discrimination - including on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity - as punishable and to ensure fair investigation of all cases of hate crimes and to bring perpetrators to justice.

Thank you.