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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic thanks the delegation of Spain for its presentation and for its national as well as the midterm report. We very welcome the involvement of civil society in the preparation of reports.

We appreciate the attention given to the topic of violence against women and express our support to the Government´s efforts in the area of prevention, education or assistance to victims. We welcome the legislative measures taken to protect women from violence and the adoption of the National Covenant on Combating Gender-based Violence for 2018 – 2022. However, we **recommend** to adopt further measures to provide effective training to law enforcement officers and the judicial bodies in charge of investigating cases of gender-based violence. We further **recommend** to establish specialized centres so that all survivors of sexual violence can be assisted by a specialized team.

We **recommend** to consider harmonizing the content of the national legislation covering torture and incommunicado detention with international standards.

Finally, we **recommend** to ensure full enjoyment of the rights to freedom of assembly and association and freedom of expression and that all measures taken are in conformity with international standards.

Thank you.