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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Sweden. We appreciate the efforts of Sweden in strengthening democracy and human rights [rights of women and girls] around the world. It is encouraging that numerous previous recommendations have been implemented. Yet, the Czech recommendations were noted, not supported.

In the third cycle we therefore **recommend**:

1. Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and recognize the competence of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to receive and consider communications from or on behalf of victims or other states parties.
2. Ensure that its national legislation and practice effectively protect the principle of non-refoulement.
3. Strengthen efforts to combat racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime, including ethnic profiling, and fully implement the relevant National plan.

Finally, the Czech Republic would like to express its hope that it will welcome Sweden among Human Rights Council Members in the near future.

We wish Sweden a successful review.

Thank you.