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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

Madame President,

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Liberia and thanks for the presentation of the National Report.

We appreciate the adoption of the National Action Plan to fight trafficking in persons including child labour and as well the adoption of the Domestic Violence Act in 2019. We feel encouraged by the adoption of the Kamara Act on Press Freedom in February 2019.

We reiterate our previous recommendation on impunity for violence against women, including rape, genital mutilation, or child marriage. The Czech Republic calls upon the authorities to take effective measures to halt the practice of female genital mutilation in schools.

We recommend the implementation of recommendations of EU Election Observation Mission in 2017, in particular on access to voting rights for convicted detainees or hospitalised citizens.

We recommend establishing a national preventive mechanism according to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and improving the living conditions of prisoners in Liberia.

We recommend abolishing the death penalty to fulfil Liberia´s international obligations as a party to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.