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Mr. Chair,

The Czech Republic fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU.

We thank the Special Rapporteur Mr. Javaid Rehman for his efforts. We call upon the Iranian government to respect his mandate, cooperate with him and invite him to visit the country.

We fully share the Special Rapporteur's concern about significant increase of the number of executions in the Islamic Republic of Iran. We are opposed to the death penalty in all circumstances and with no exception. We urge the Government to abolish the death penalty, introduce an immediate moratorium on its use and call for a halt to the executions of child offenders.

The death of Mahsa Amini and the many victims of the violent repression of the subsequent protests only reinforces our call to the Iranian authorities to ensure respect for the fundamental rights of its citizens and strict adherence to the principles enshrined in the ICCPR, to which Iran is a party. Iran must immediately stop the widespread and disproportionate use of force against nonviolent protesters and ensure due process for all detainees. All acts of indiscriminate violence must be properly investigated and the perpetrators held accountable. The decision of the relevant Iranian authorities to fundamentally restrict access to the Internet and block instant messaging platforms also clearly violates freedom of expression.

Finally, we note with concern the many other areas of human rights violations highlighted in the Special Rapporteur's report, including the continued persecution of journalists, human rights defenders political opponents and minorities.

In this context, we would like to pose a question to the Special Rapporteur:

How do you evaluate in practise the implementation of new regulation on prison conditions, adopted by the Iranian authorities this year, particularly with regard to prisoners' access to health care and the prohibition of torture?

Thank you.