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Madam / Mr. Chairperson, dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great honour for me to speak on behalf of the Czech Republic at this session of the Commission. The Czech Republic, a member of the European Union, has fully aligned itself with the statement delivered by the Presidency of the European Union.

The government of the Czech Republic has resolved to regard human rights issues and gender

equality as its high-priority commitments.

In 1998, the Czech Government approved the National Action Plan in Promotion of Gender Equality based on the Beijing Platform for Action. The implementation, evaluation and updating of measures is conducted on an annual basis.

In 1998, the Gender Equality Unit was established as a foundation of the institutional mechanism. In May 2001, to enforce the promotion of gender mainstreaming, the Government instructed all ministries to prepare their specific Gender Equality Action Plans and to set up professional gender focal points at all of the ministries.

In October 2001, to strengthen the promotion of gender equality, a Government Council for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men was established. This Council has an advisory role to the Government and is a platform for designing conceptual gender equality policy. The Council consists of high-level decision makers (deputy ministers), social partners, non-governmental organizations and experts. I would like to underline an important role in the promotion of equal

Madam / Mr. Chairperson, ladies and gentlemen,

It was an honour for me to attend this meeting. I look forward to exchanging experiences with you for the sake of our common future success in promotion of gender equality worldwide.

Thank you for your attention.