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Delegations will find attached a statement by the Czech Republic on the abovementioned subject in view of the (Home Affairs) Council meeting on 19 October 2023. The statement will be entered into the minutes of the Council meeting.

- STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC -

Similarly to other Member States and those along the frontline in particular, the Czech Republic has been providing, since the very start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, an unprecedented assistance to persons fleeing the war. As of 15 October 2023, out of almost 600 000 (571 511) applicants registered, the Czech Republic is still hosting over 360 000 beneficiaries of temporary protection (share of 8.7 % of active registrations in the EU) that corresponds to 3 % of its population. With additional 8 000 applicants newly registered every month, the Czech Republic remains the most affected EU Member State *per capita*. The Czech Republic duly implements the temporary protection directive and has agreed to its extension until March 2025, also because it firmly believes that the situation requires a joint European response. Accordingly, and in line with the EUCO conclusions of 9 February and 30 June 2023, the Czech Republic expects the Commission to provide further adequate and flexible financial support in order to help relieve the associated financial burden at national level (According to OECD data, only in 2022, the Czech Republic spent the third highest amount of 1.96 billion euros to cover related living, education and health costs).
