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**Statement of the Algerian Delegation on the UPR of  
the Czech Republic**

**Mme. President,**

My delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Czech Republic and thanks H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuska, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, for his presentation.

We appreciate the commitment of Czech Republic to the promotion of human rights as well as its engagement in the UPR process.

We welcome the encouraging steps undertaken by the Government of Czech Republic since the last review in 2008, particularly the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the constitutional amendments and the adoption of the "Anti Discrimination Act" in 2009.

We note the steps undertaken to implement the accepted recommendations, particularly the efforts aiming at combating racism and racial discrimination as well as the criminalization, in the new Criminal Code of 2009 the violence based on racial or ethnic basis.

However, in this regard, we echo the concern expressed by CERD regarding the Czech Republic's decision not to develop a national action plan against racism in line with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. (para 19 of the OHCHR compilation).

We also regret that the only recommendation rejected by Czech Republic was the one regarding the ratification of the ICMW. We encourage the Government of Czech Republic to review its position regarding this core human rights instruments.

**We recommend that the Czech Republic:**

- 1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography as well as to take necessary measures aiming at the accreditation of the Public Defender of Rights of Czech Republic by the International Accreditation Committee.**
- 2. Adopt a comprehensive national action plan on the prevention of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance as was recommended by CRC. (para 20 of the OHCHR compilation).**

Thank you.