



**Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office
and other International Organizations in Geneva**

*Chemin Louis-Dunant 15 - 1202 Geneva - Switzerland Phone: (+41) (0)22 332 50 00 / Fax: (+41) (0)22 910 07 51
E-mail: mission.brazil@delbrasgen.org*

Human Rights Council
Universal Periodic Review
Report by the Czech Republic
Geneva, October 22, 2012

Madam President,

Brazil thanks Czech Republic for the presentation of the national report, addressing both advances and challenges in the human rights situation.

We are glad that both recommendations made by Brazil in the first cycle have been implemented: the institutionalization of the Agency for Social Inclusion of Roma communities; and the establishment of criteria for the informed consent of women prior to sterilization, through the new Act on Specific Medical Services.

Madam President,

Brazil recognizes the Czech efforts against trafficking in persons and the support offered to victims, including initiatives with NGOs and specialists.

While recognizing recent initiatives (such as the Roma Integration Policy Concept and the Anti-Discrimination Act), Brazil remains concerned at the challenges faced by the Roma minority. We particularly regret last year's inter-ethnic conflicts in Northern Bohemia.

Brazil has expressed concern at the arbitrary approach of foreigners by migration authorities, including racial profiling. We encourage the Czech government to ensure that foreign citizens receive respectful treatment.

Madam President,

Brazil would like to make 2 recommendations:

- (i) to establish affirmative actions for members of Roma communities, including by considering reserving vacancies at Universities and at the public service; and
- (ii) to revise criteria for enrollment into special schools, thus avoiding the enrollment of Roma children in special schools without due recommendation of education and psychology professionals.

Thank you.