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Statement by the DPRK Delegation during the UPR of Czech Republic

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My delegation welcomes the delegation of Czech Republic to the UPR led by H.E. Mr. Vlad; mir Galuska, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

We take note of the explanatory statement by the delegation on the efforts and successes made in protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

However, we have serious concerns at the continued racially motivated discrimination against Roma, including, in particular, attempted homicides, property damages, discrimination in children's education and enforced sterilization of Romani women.

There are also allegations of trafficking in foreign migrant workers and fraud in the forestry industry, where people were forced to work up to 12 hours per day without being paid for several months and, in some cases, no wages had been paid at all.

In this regard, my delegation wishes to recommend Czech Republic

- 1) to acknowledge the harm done to the victims of discrimination against Roma, bring the perpetrators to justice and provide reparations to the victims
- 2) to adopt effective measures such as the establishment of an institution to monitor regularly the situation of Roma

3) to take all necessary measures to prevent any kind of reappearance of Nazism, in order to eradicate the root cause of all racially motivated criminal acts.