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Madame President,

Denmark welcomes the Czech delegation to Geneva and would like to thank them for their comprehensive presentation given here today.

The Czech Republic has shown its commitment to promote and protect human rights on many occasions. We appreciate the work of the Czech government as well as the activities of the Agency for Social Inclusion within the field of integration of national minorities.

We note the measures introduced to eliminate discrimination and segregation of Roma children in schools. However segregation of Roma children in education persists, either through segregation in schools for children with mental disabilities or through segregation in Roma-only classes. We are concerned by the fact that according to the Czech Ombudsman, over 30 percent of the students in special schools are Roma while the Roma people constitute only 2 percent of the Czech populatio

Denmark recommends to implement effectively the National Action Plan for Inclusive Education, including by making available adequate human and financial resources; and to strengthen it by developing a concrete timeline with clear targets to put an end to the segregation of Roma children within the mainstream system.

Denmark also recommends stepping up efforts to raise awareness through campaigns or other concrete initiatives in order to promote understanding and tolerance toward the Roma minority in the Czech society.

Thank you, Madame President.