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**UPR WORKING GROUP – FOURTEENTH SESSION
(22 OCTOBER – 5 NOVEMBER, 2012)**

**UPR of CZECH REPUBLIC – INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE
22 October 2012 : 0900 -1230 hrs**

INTERVENTION BY INDIA

Madam President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of the Czech Republic and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its National Report which provides an overview of developments in the human rights situation of the country including follow-up action on recommendations in the first review.

2. We note with appreciation various initiatives taken by the Government of the Czech Republic to improve implementation of recommendations accepted in the first review.

3. We welcome the willingness of the Czech Republic to ratify Conventions concerning protection of the rights of the child. **India recommends that Czech Republic expedites ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.**

4. India deeply appreciates the efforts made by the Czech Republic particularly, the Anti-discriminative Act effective since 2009. We urge the Government of Czech Republic to continue to enact and implement legislative measures and policies to end discrimination and segregation especially those based on religion, belief or world view. We acknowledge the sustained efforts made by the Government of Czech Republic to integrate the Roma People and we hope that Roma Integration Policy 2010-2013 is implemented in letter and spirit.

5. We wish the Czech Republic great success in its future endeavour in the protection and promotion of human rights.

Thank you.
