

UPR of Czech Republic – 22 October 2012

Oral recommendations by Ireland

Doireann Ansburo (Ms.)

Thank you Mr President

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Czech Republic and thanks the delegation for its comprehensive presentation this morning. Ireland welcomes Czech Republic's success in implementing commitments made following the submission of recommendations during the first Universal Periodic Review held in May 2008.

1. Ireland commends Czech Republic's progress in improving legal protections for children in recent legislation, particularly in the Code of Civil Procedure, 2008, and the Foreigners Residence Act, 1999 as amended in 2010. Ireland notes that the present Public Defender of Rights (Ombudsman) has a limited role in regard to children's rights and recommends that Czech Republic consider the creation of an Ombudsman for children's rights in order to further enhance the status of children.
2. Ireland welcomes the establishment of a 'National Strategy' to combat trafficking in human beings and the institution of the Programme to Support and Protect Victims of Human Trafficking as outlined in Czech Republic's National Report. In order to provide further protections to victims of human trafficking and to curb trafficking generally, Ireland recommends that Czech Republic sign and ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

Thank you Mr President.

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