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Thank you, Madame President.

*the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Vladimír Golustka*

Italy thanks the distinguished delegation led by H.E. .... for the presentation of the National Report. We welcome the commitment of the Czech Republic towards the promotion and protection of human rights. Positive developments have been widely reported, though grounds for concerns in some areas are still present in particular with reference to non-discrimination and the rights of people belonging to minorities.

The new criminal code, the Anti-Discrimination Act effective since 2009, the justice system and the Ombudsman institution are all important tools in the fight against discrimination and we thank the Czech authorities for the information provided in the National Report. On the basis of the measures already adopted, we would be interested in knowing more about the Czech national experience in dealing with discriminations based on multiple grounds.

Steps have been also taken to facilitate the integration and social inclusion of disadvantaged people through a dedicated Agency set up in 2008, and, as for Roma people, the Integration Policy Concept for 2010-2013. Education plays certainly a crucial role, being a prerequisite for active citizenship. We would kindly request the Czech delegation to provide information on the issue of Roma children attending special schools, originally envisaged for children with mental disabilities, instead of ordinary education institutions.

Thank you, Madame President.

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