

Palestine
Dima Asfaw 3rd Secretary

Thank you madame president,

we welcome the distinguished delegation of Czech Republic to the second cycle of the Universal periodic review and would like to thank them on the comprehensive statement and informative report.

We welcome the adoption of the AntiDiscrimination Act in 2009.

We also commend the czech Republic for ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, as well as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities without any reservations.

we are concerned that children under the age of 15 could be placed, in institutional care prior to legal proceedings, without the guarantees associated with standard criminal proceedings.

we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. We acknowledge that the Czech Republic regards the equality of men and women as one of the fundamental elements of a free society based on respect for human rights, in this regard **we would like to recommend the czech republic to address more the deep-rooted gender stereotypes that perpetuated discrimination against women.**

2. we welcome the adoption of the National Action Plan for Inclusive Education which aims to address shortcomings in access to education for Roma children and **we recommend the czech Republic to confirm the commitment by the Ministry of Education to implement the action plan.**

Thank you,