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**Universal Periodic Review of the Czech Republic**

Madam President,

Slovenia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Czech Republic and would like to thank the delegation for the information provided regarding the implementation of recommendations of the first UPR cycle. (We also appreciate the answers provided to our advance question.)

We welcome some important steps taken by the Czech Republic since the first UPR - such as the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the adoption of the Anti-discrimination Act, the new Criminal Code and Code of Civil Procedure, as well as the adoption of various new strategies and policy concepts, in particular relating to rights of the Roma population. Furthermore, we welcome Czech Republic's active role in the Human Rights Council, in particular in support of human rights defenders.

Nevertheless, some open issues remain, in particular with regard to rights of the Roma.

We **recommend** that the Czech Republic considers:

- adopting concrete measures to fight discrimination against women in all spheres of life, especially by increasing the representation of women in the middle and higher positions of political and economic life,
- increasing efforts for the efficient implementation of the right to education of members of the Roma minority, as recommended by the CRC committee and Council of Europe's Commissioner for human rights,
- addressing the issue of hate crime and racist and xenophobic discourse.

Thank you.