

UPR 14 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Ghana

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Ghana and thanks for presenting the positive developments achieved since 2008. We in particular commend the establishment of Domestic Violence Secretariat to implement the Domestic Violence Act of 2007.

In this regard we would like to **recommend** further strengthening of the system, including through adequate funding, to allow all victims of violence to receive protection, services including coverage of the costs of their medical examination and to eliminate long delays in court proceeding.

With regard to the need to strengthen protection against discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation or identity we note the very difficult starting position with even some public figures presenting very intolerant views and would like to ask what measures and strategies are used against incitement to hatred or violence. While thanking in advance for the answer and the difficult work done, we **recommend** that sexual activities between consenting adults are decriminalized and further awareness raising made to promote tolerance in this area.

Lastly we welcome the resolve of the Government to ratify and implement the OPCAT and we **recommend** this to be done in the earliest possible date.

Thank you.