

#### UPR 14 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Republic of Korea

On behalf of the Czech Republic, I would like to welcome the delegation of the Republic of Korea and express appreciation for its participation in the UPR process.

Firstly, I would like to focus on the issue of discrimination. I note our own experience with how difficult it is to adopt and implement a comprehensive national antidiscrimination legislation, and I would like to ask if the delegation could elaborate more on reasons for the slow progress we could see on adopting your national Anti-discrimination act.

In this regard we would like to **recommend** this Act to be adopted as a matter of priority while encompassing also grounds for discrimination on basis of sexual orientation.

Secondly we welcome the interest of the Government of the Republic of Korea in accession to the Optional Protocol to the CAT and based on our own positive experience with this important instrument, we would like to make these two **recommendations** to the Republic of Korea:

- First is to further strengthen measures against torture and ill-treatment
- Second is to sign and ratify the OPCAT as a matter of priority and found the national preventive mechanism accordingly.

Thank you.