

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

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UPR 14 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Ukraine

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Ukraine and expresses its appreciation for its participation in the 14th UPR and for the comprehensive report on measures taken in the human rights area.

We would like to ask if the delegation could elaborate more on measures to ensure investigation and punishment of acts of threat, harassment or violence against human rights defenders reported on by the Special rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in 2011.

We would like to thank for reply to our advance questions regarding prevention of torture and following on these we would like to make the following **recommendations**:

- 1) That Ukraine establishes its effective national preventive mechanism in compliance with the OPCAT and
- 2) That further measures are taken to ensure systematically safeguards against occurrence of torture or ill-treatment in particular in prison and detention facilities, while implementing also recommendations of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture.

Finally, noting our own experience on how difficult it is to adopt and implement effectively measures against all forms of discrimination, we **recommend** adoption of a comprehensive antidiscrimination legislation that would include also a definition of direct and indirect discrimination and a comprehensive list of grounds for discrimination.

Thank you.