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**UPR 15 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Romania**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Romania and expresses its appreciation for its participation in the UPR.

Following on our previous recommendation we would like to welcome the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and are looking forward to the formation of an effective national preventive mechanism. We would also like to encourage Romania to continue and further strengthen its efforts to combat the different forms of discrimination including discrimination and violence against women and children, Roma, LGBT and people living with HIV/AIDS.

We would like to recommend to Romania to ensure that all children complete their 10-year compulsory education by taking concrete action to address reasons behind non-attending schools and by providing effective sanctions for those who obstruct children from attending schools.

Underlying the importance of effective collaboration with the treaty bodies we recommend to Romania to transmit the overdue reports to Human Rights Committee, Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and Committee against Torture.

Thank you.