

UPR 19th

STATEMENT ON NORWAY

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Norway and appreciates its participation in the 19th session of the UPR.

We commend Norway's efforts aimed at improving the access of Roma to education. Achieving improvement, such as reducing the high level of absenteeism among Roma children, may be very challenging, as it requires both addressing the underlying social causes and full cooperation of all stakeholders, including parents. We believe that various challenges will not stop the Norwegian authorities in their resolve to progress further in ensuring access to quality education for Roma children. Therefore, we **recommend** Norway continue pursuing appropriate, efficient policies aimed at further improving the access of Roma to education and consider the adoption of additional measures, as recommended by the national human rights institutions.

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