

UPR20 – BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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*The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We have the following **recommendations**:*

We **recommend** to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as to the entity governments to join forces and amend the Constitution in order to ensure full political participation of all citizens at all levels of governance, regardless of their national or ethnic origin and take further steps towards the implementation of the Sejdic and Finci decision of the European Court for Human Rights including by establishing an implementation timeline.

Second, we **recommend** combating hate speech and hate crime, including in the political sphere, and, to this end, collect and evaluate hate speech and hate crime data, and promote inter-ethnic and inter-religious tolerance, in particular in the education system.

Third, we **recommend** to consistently and rigorously implement the revised Strategy for the Implementation of Annex VII of the Dayton Peace Agreement and to make all efforts to improve the living conditions of internally displaced persons and returnees.

Fourth, we **recommend** ensuring that all children born in the country, who have not been registered, are provided with birth certificates and personal documents.

And finally, the Czech Republic **recommends** Bosnia and Herzegovina and the cantonal governments to introduce a truly inclusive multi-ethnic educational system and to launch an efficient coordination mechanism on education.

I thank you.

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