

**UPR21**

**KENYA**

**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Kenya. We appreciate the information on the implementation of previous UPR recommendations (*as well as responses to some of our advance questions ...*).

We have the following **recommendations**:

First, we **recommend** that Kenya operationalize the Public Benefits Organizations Act of 2013 as a law facilitating an independent and unhindered work of civil society and refrain from enacting restrictive requirements with stifling effect on the country's NGOs, their functioning and funding.

Second, we **recommend** Kenya to review the compliance of the Kenya Information Communication (Amendment) Act (2013) with international standards on freedom of expression, create an enabling environment for journalists and bloggers and decriminalize media offences and defamation.

Finally, we **recommend** Kenya raise the age of criminal responsibility so that it complies with international standards as set out by the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Thank you.