

UPR21

KYRGYZSTAN

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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

The Czech Republic has the following **recommendations**:

First, we **recommend** adopting comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation effectively fighting and preventing discrimination on all grounds, including ethnicity, religion, gender and sexual orientation.

Second, we **recommend** that Kyrgyzstan ensure the full realization of freedom of association and freedom of expression and, in this regard, revise all legislation excessively restricting the work of civil society, including the envisaged so-called "foreign agents" law stigmatizing and crippling the work of NGOs.

Third, we **recommend** strengthening the implementation of legislation aimed at elimination of violence against women and increasing funding for assistance to its victims, in particular with regard to domestic violence and bride kidnapping.

And finally, the Czech Republic **recommends** that Kyrgyzstan increase capacity for investigation and prosecution of all complaints of torture, attach special attention to allegations of torture of persons belonging to ethnic minorities and bring the definition of torture in the Criminal Code fully in line with the CAT.

Thank you.