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**Recommendations by Czechia**

**to NEW ZEALAND**

Czechia warmly welcomes the delegation of New Zealand.

We welcome the active participation of New Zealand in international fora on human rights as well as the efforts to continue improving the human rights situation in the country. Czechia also appreciates the increased investment in initiatives and programmes to fight gender-based violence and to support people with disabilities.

We recommend the following:

1. Adopt measures to ensure that **child poverty**, in particular among Māori and Pasifika children, is further reduced.
2. Take measures to reduce the disproportionately high number of **Māori people in prison** and improve their detention conditions, most notably among women and young population.
3. Raise the **age of criminal responsibility** so that it complies with relevant international standards.
4. Resume work on the **national action plan** for the implementation of UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with the aim to further enhance indigenous rights.

We wish New Zealand a successful UPR.

I thank you.