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**Recommendations by the Czech Republic**

**to SLOVAKIA**

The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Slovakia and commends Slovakia´s efforts to further national human rights agenda including ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The Czech Republic wishes to again recommend to:

* Continue its efforts to improve access to **education for socially disadvantaged children** and to increase the school enrolment rate among Roma;

We further recommend to:

* Adopt comprehensive legislation on the **prevention and elimination of violence against women** and amend the Criminal Code to include domestic violence as a category of violent crime and raise the punishment for intimate partner violence and femicide;
* Take steps to strengthen and legally enforce **prohibition of hate crimes and hate speech**, for example through mandatory and continuous capacity-building trainings for all law enforcement officials.

We wish Slovakia a successful review.

I thank you.