Thank you Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Czech Republic and thanks it for its comprehensive presentation this morning. The Czech Republic has shown its commitment to promote and protect human rights on many occasions. We appreciate this work and welcome Czech Republic’s success in implementing commitments made following the submission of recommendations during the UPR held in October 2012.

Iceland recommends the following to the Government of the Czech Republic:

1. To ensure effective implementation of the Roma Integration Strategy for 2015–2020
2. To ensure the effective implementation of the Inclusive Education Action Plan for 2016- 2018 and monitor the impact of reforms aiming at inclusion of Romani pupils in mainstream schools;
3. To ensure the adoption of the legal aid system that is now in preparation, which is to improve the protection of victims of discrimination and introduce broader legal advice options for people in need, as from 1 July 2018
4. To implement effectively the strategy for equality of women and men covering the period of 2014-2020

Iceland wishes the Czech Republic all success during its review.

Thank you