**Universal Periodic Review – Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Netherlands thanks the Czech government for its comprehensive report and commends Czechia for the measures taken to combat discrimination, including on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Furthermore, the Netherlands highly appreciates the first steps that have been taken to achieve the goals of the Government’s Strategy for Equality between Women and Men for 2014-2020.

1. The Netherlands recommends Czechia to continue efforts to eradicate stereotypes regarding the position of women in society and set specific goals, targets and time frames to increase the representation of women, including Roma women, in legislative assemblies and government positions.

We also commend Czechia for its endeavors to increase the inclusion of Roma in its policies and public institutions, especially the process of establishing a legal aid system. However, despite these efforts the Roma community continues to be a disadvantaged minority group in Czechia.

2. The Netherlands therefore recommends Czechia to ensure the effective implementation of the Roma Integration Strategy 2014-2020, with particular attention for equal access to education, health and housing and employment.

We wish Czechia every success in this UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.