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**Recommendations by Canada for the Czech Republic’s UPR**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Canada thanks Czechia for its presentation and welcomes the country’s anti-discrimination efforts made over the reporting period. In particular, Canada welcomes the positive steps taken by Czechia to prevent segregation of Roma children and promote their participation in mainstream schools via the inclusive education reforms which came into effect in September 2016. Canada also recognizes that Czech law prohibits discrimination and crimes motivated by discrimination, and notes that implementation and enforcement of these laws are essential. Canada also welcomes efforts made via Czechia’s Campaign against Racism and Hate Violence.

Canada recommends that Czechia:

Ensure that schools and counselling centres receive anti-discrimination training as well as adequate funding and guidance on objective standards and fair processes to support students with special needs.

1. Take steps to prevent crimes motivated by racial or religious discrimination through education, awareness-raising and training, and ensure that any hate crimes are effectively and promptly investigated.
2. Ensure that any crimes against minority and vulnerable individuals and communities are effectively and promptly investigated, and address any alleged discriminatory motive behind these crimes.