

**28th Session of the UPR working group**

**Recommendations by Finland to the Czech Republic**

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Mr. President,

Finland wishes to thank Czech Republic for the national report,  its inclusive national preparatory process,  and for its presentation today.  Since 2012 the Czech Republic has made advances in the access and integration of Roma children into education. In response to the infringement proceedings launched by the European Commission under the Race Equality Directive the Czech government adopted an Amendment to the Schools Act that came into force on September 1rst 2016. Nevertheless, there still is room for further work in the implementation of this amendment.

Finland wishes to **make the following two recommendations**:

Firstly, Take all necessary measures to tackle prejudicial attitudes and ensure the   integration of Romani children in the Czech educational system, including early childhood education and care, as provided for in the  amended Schools Act.

Secondly, Finland recommends that Czech Republic ensure inclusive quality education, including teacher training on pupils with special needs as well as mentoring and career guidance in order to decrease the amount of Roma students opting out early from the educational system.

Thank you.