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Czech Republic

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We would like to welcome the delegation of the Czech Republic to the UPR, and commend it for an exemplary preparation process to the 3rd cycle. We would especially like to point out the presentation of a mid-term report from 2015, and the detailed analysis of the implementation of recommendations, which is included in the report. We take note of the serious work done in protect the rights of members of the Roma community, inter alia through the "Roma Integration Strategy" for 2015-2020. We also take note of the important campaign against racism and hate crimes launched in 2014 until 2017.

Israel would like to present the Czech Republic with the following recommendations:

1. Continue working on closing the gaps that still exist between the rights enjoyed by same-sex couples, compared with couples of opposite sexes.
2. Ensure effective follow-up to the activities included in the campaign against racism and hate crimes, which officially ended in May 2017, possibly through the development of a new campaign on the same topic.
3. Complete the development of the new Family Policy to promote work-life balance and help improve gender equality in the workplace.

Finally, Israel would like to wish the delegation of the Czech Republic a successful UPR.

Thank you.