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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the third periodic report of Czech Republic.

At the end of its 108<sup>th</sup> session, the Committee transmitted its concluding observations to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 23 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 5, 8, 11 and 13 of the concluding observations.

On 12 January 2016, the Committee received the reply of the State party. At its 117<sup>th</sup> session, held in July 2016, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- **Paragraph 5: [B2]:** The Committee notes the information provided regarding the pending adoption of the amendment of the Law on the Public Defender of Rights and related to the funding and human resources situation of the Office. The Committee reiterates its request for updated information on the content of the amendment and the progress towards its adoption, and requests more information about the sufficiency of the budget and staffing.
- **Paragraph 8:(a)[A]:** The Committee appreciates the information about measures taken previously provided by the State party, but regrets the absence of information on the impact of the Campaign against Racism and Hate Crimes and the project funded by the European Economic Area and Norway.

(b)[B2]: The Committee welcomes the plans provided by the State party to encourage Roma integration and appreciation for Roma history and culture. It requests information on the progress made towards their implementation and information about the financing of such plans. The Committee reiterates its recommendation that the pig farm at Lety u Písku be removed.

(c)[A]: The Committee appreciates efforts by the State party to train judges, prosecutors, and police officials to detect hate and racially motivated crimes.

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(d)[B2]: The Committee welcomes the information provided by the State party, but regrets the inability of the State party to provide more detailed information, particularly with regard to investigations, prosecutions and sanctions imposed on perpetrators of extremist or hate crimes, and compensation provided to victims of such crimes. The Committee reiterates its recommendations.

- Paragraph 11: (a)[B1]: The Committee regrets that the bill on compensation for victims of unlawful sterilization has been rejected. It notes the information provided on remedies available to the victims, including information of two cases in which the statute of limitations has not been applied. The Committee requires information on the criteria used to apply the statute of limitations, as well as information on the number of fertilization cases in which non-application of the statute of limitations has been sought, and the number of cases in which the statute of limitation has not been applied.

(b)[C1]: The Committee notes that the State party is still in the process of creating a new system of legal aid. The Committee requires updates on any relevant developments and information regarding the anticipated timeframe for adoption of the new system.

(c)[C1]: The Committee notes the information provided by the State party and regrets that no measure has been taken to initiate criminal proceedings against possible perpetrators of coercive sterilization. The Committee reiterates its recommendations.

(d)[B1]: The Committee appreciates the information provided by the State party on procedures for ensuring informed consent prior to sterilizations, but requests additional information on how often, and according to what procedures, patient's medical files are checked to ensure that the relevant consent form is in the patient's file.

The Committee would appreciate it if the information referred be forwarded to the Secretariat **by 1 November 2016**. The reply should be sent in Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee (Kate Fox: [kfox@ohchr.org](mailto:kfox@ohchr.org)). The information will then be scheduled for consideration at a future session.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Czech Republic on the implementation of the Covenant.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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