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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 93rd session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of the Czech Republic, pursuant to Rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 8, 18 and 22 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/CZE/CO/10-11), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 10th to 11th periodic reports, at its 87th session in August 2015.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its 12th to 13th periodic reports to be submitted in a single document by 1 January 2018.

Paragraph 8 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for its answer. It however regrets that the replies of the State party did not cover all of the elements of its recommendation. It therefore reiterates its previous recommendation that the State party should intensify its efforts to transform the Public Defender of Rights into a national human rights institution and bring it in full compliance with the Paris Principles. The Committee encourages the State party to seek accreditation by the GANHRI Sub-Committee on Accreditation. The Committee further requests that the State party take effective measures to address the recommendation of amending the Anti-discrimination Act.

Paragraph 18 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for the information provided. The Committee requests the State party to submit information on the outcomes of existing inclusive education legislation and policy and on

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how Roma children have benefited so far from such measures. The Committee also requests data on enrolment in preschool and higher education, disaggregated by ethnic origin, gender, age and geographic location. The Committee regrets that the State party did not report any measures taken to combat negative perceptions of Roma children. The Committee also requests further information on measures taken to comply with the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of D.H and others vs. the Czech Republic in the next periodic report.

Paragraph 22 of the Concluding Observations: The Committee thanks the State party for its replies. It however regrets that the State party did not take further steps to establish a compensation mechanism and that the State party did not extend the time period for bringing claims seeking compensation for forced sterilization. The Committee remains concerned that there were no convictions of any persons implicated in forced sterilization. The Committee also regrets that the State party did not take specific measures to ensure free and full access to sexual and reproductive health services for Roma women. The Committee therefore reiterates its previous recommendation and requests that the State party submit information on measures taken to implement them in its next periodic report.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of the Czech Republic, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,



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