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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 the Czech Republic.

At the end of its 108th 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(a) of the concluding observations.

On 3 December 2014, the Committee received the reply of the State party. At its 113th session, held from 16 March to 2 April 2015, the Committee analysed this information and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 5: **[B2]** Additional information should be provided regarding the status of the implementation of the amendment to the Law on the Public Defender of Rights and if the amendment is in line with the Paris Principles. The Committee also requires further information on the financial and human resources situation of the Public Defender of Rights.
- Paragraph 8: **[A]**: With regard to subparagraph (a), the State party should provide additional information in its next periodic report on the impact of the Campaign against Racism and Hate Crimes and the project funded by the EEA/Norway, set to take place from 2014-2016.

[B2]: With regard to subparagraph (b), the State party should submit information regarding the progress of the Strategy of Roma Integration in nurturing respect for Roma history and culture as well as the steps taken to ensure the removal of the pig farm located at Lety u Písku. The Committee reiterates its recommendations.

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[A]: With regard to subparagraph (c), the Committee welcomes the legislative and institutional steps taken by the State party to train judges, prosecutors, and police officials to detect hate and racially motivated crimes. The State party should provide further information regarding trainings carried out and its frequency.

[B2]: With regard to subparagraph (d), the Committee takes note of the training on extremism and the measures undertaken to detect extremist-related crimes and of the Act no. 45/2013 (Act on Crime Victims), which entered into force in 2013, but requires updated statistics on investigations, prosecutions and sanctions imposed on perpetrators. The Committee also requires additional information on the prevention of racist attacks and information on how victims of hate and racist-related crimes are adequately compensated. The Committee reiterates its recommendations regarding post-conviction sentencing and victim-compensation.

- Paragraph 11: [B2]: With regard to subparagraph (a), the Committee requires information on the progress of the special law on compensation for victims of illegal sterilization.

[C1]: With regard to subparagraph (b), it appears that no measure has been taken to ensure free legal assistance and advice to victims who were forcibly sterilized. The Committee requires information on the new comprehensive system of legal aid.

[B2]: With regard to subparagraph (c), the Committee expresses concern with the lack of convictions resulting from the 58 criminal proceedings initiated against suspects of illegal sterilization. The Committee requires updated statistics on the number of criminal proceedings initiated against suspects of illegal sterilization and the number of convictions since August 2013. The Committee reiterates its recommendation.

[C1]: With regard to subparagraph (d), the Committee requires information on concrete measures taken to ensure that procedures are followed in obtaining the full and informed consent of women. The Committee also requires information on the monitoring of sterilization carried out and its frequency.

- Paragraph 13(a): [A] With regard to subparagraph (a), the Committee notes that the State party has implemented a new Civil Code regulating the legal capacity of persons with disabilities. The State party should provide further information regarding the implementation of these provisions in its next periodic report.



The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in July 2015. If the State party wishes the information referred to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by **1 May 2015** (Kate Fox: kfox@ohchr.org and Fernanda Santana: fsantana@ohchr.org).

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Salvioli', is written above the printed name.

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