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Mr. Chair,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Czech Republic and expresses appreciation for its participation in the 28th session of UPR.

Azerbaijan appreciates efforts of the Government of the Czech Republic with regard to implementation of many of the recommendations accepted during the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review. In this context, we take note of measures undertaken by Government in response to the UPR recommendations on enhancing anti-discrimination action in the country, particularly the Roma Integration Strategy, Government has adopted to improve situation of Roma minority in the country.

To encourage the Czech Republic to continue its efforts to combat discrimination, Azerbaijan would like to make following two recommendations:

1. To take effective measures to implement recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including with regard to the practice of sterilization of persons with disabilities without their free and informed consent;
2. To raise awareness of anti-discrimination laws, including the Anti-Discrimination Act, and relevant complaint mechanisms among law enforcement and judicial officials with a view to improve protection of victims.

In conclusion, we wish the delegation of the Czech Republic a very successful review.