



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Czechia

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Czechia and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland notes Czechia's efforts to advance human rights domestically and progress made since the last UPR cycle, including the adoption of the *Roma Equality, Inclusion and Participation Strategies (Roma integration strategy) 2021–2030* and encourage further progress to combat discrimination against Roma communities. We regret that a national human rights institution has not yet been established.

Ireland recommends Czechia:

1. Strengthen the office of the Public Defender of Rights to undertake the role of National Human Rights Institution and ensure its mandate is in full compliance with the Paris Principles.
2. Ratify the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention on the preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence.

We wish Czechia every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.