



# International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

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**Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted  
by States parties under article 9 of the Convention**

## List of themes in relation to the combined tenth and eleventh periodic reports of the Czech Republic (CERD/C/CZE/10-11)

### Note by the Country Rapporteur

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session (A/65/18, para. 85) that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State party concerned a short list of themes with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State party's report. This document contains a list of such themes. This is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

#### 1. Reliable statistics on the composition of the population

Measures taken or envisaged to improve data collection on the ethnic composition of the population, particularly the Roma population (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, para 17).

#### 2. The Convention in domestic law, institutional and policy framework for the implementation of the Convention (arts. 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7)

(a) Measures taken to bring all legal provisions against racial discrimination in line with the Anti-Discrimination Act No. 198 of 2009 and to facilitate access to effective remedies (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, para. 20);

(b) Concrete examples of direct application of the Convention in the domestic legal order (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras. 19 and 20);

(c) Information on the implementation of the Concept for Roma Integration, 2010-2013 and the Strategy for Combating Social Exclusion, 2011-2015, including major achievements and challenges, as well as the involvement of the Roma community. (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras. 14, 27, 71, 73, 78 and 109);



(d) Update on the establishment of a national human rights institution or on strengthening the Ombudsman's Office to comply with the Paris Principles (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, para 21).

**3. Situation of the Roma community (arts. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)**

(a) Strategies adopted to reduce socially excluded localities in which the majority of the population is Roma and to deal with municipalities that are using strategies to reduce the Roma population (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, para 27);

(b) Measures taken to combat racially motivated protests and hate crimes against the Roma community; to enhance protection and remedies for the victims of hate crime; and to eradicate negative public attitudes towards Roma, as propagated by the media and politicians; information on the activities of the General Inspectorate of Security Forces to combat racial discrimination among law enforcement officials and security officers (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras. 47, 50, 141–144);

(c) Effectiveness of measures taken to address the disproportionately high unemployment rate among Roma, particularly women and young people (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras. 70, 75 and 109);

(d) Update on the adoption of a social housing policy targeting Roma, with a particular view to ensuring equal access of Roma to public housing administered by municipalities and protecting them from forced eviction (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras. 26–30 and 78–82);

(e) Implementation of the recommendations made by the Government Council for Human Rights and the Ombudsman in relation to compensation for women who have been unlawfully sterilized; and measures undertaken to sensitize medical professionals (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, para 84);

(f) Information on the situation of Romani children under institutional care, the National Strategy on the Protection of Children's Rights – Right to Childhood, and the amendment to the Family Act, and the implementation thereof (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras. 85 and 86);

(h) Implementation of the National Action Plan on Inclusive Education and the amendments to the School Act; and concrete plans envisaged to end all forms of segregate education targeting Romani children (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras. 11 and 88);

(i) Information on the measures taken to tackle trafficking in human beings, in particular Roma and foreign women, including the National Strategy for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, 2012-2015, and the Programme of Support and Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras 111–113 and 116).

**4. Application of the Convention to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers and other minority groups (arts. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)**

(a) The situation with regard to hate crimes and discrimination against Muslim communities, including, in particular, the reported incidents of vandalism against the Czech mosque and the petition against the granting of enhanced rights to the registered Association of Muslim Communities;

(b) Clarification with regard to the difference between allowing European Union citizens and non-European Union citizens to exercising the right to vote in municipal elections; information on the participation of Roma and other ethnic minority groups in

elections; and update on the investigations into allegations of manipulation and buying of votes among citizens of Roma ethnicity (CERD/C/CZE/10-11, paras. 55 and 56.);

(c) Information on the situation of ethnic minority groups other than Roma, and on refugees, asylum seekers and migrant workers with regard to enjoying the rights and freedoms enshrined in article 5 of the Convention.

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