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Czech Republic  
*Statement in exercise of Right of Reply*

Madam Moderator,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Regarding the cases of sterilization of women without their proper informed consent, the Czech Ombudsman has identified 50 such cases. In some of these, complaint was filed with a court. In one case, a financial compensation of 20.000 EUR was awarded with an apology, in another case apology by the hospital concerned was awarded.

In response to these findings, additional measures have been taken to improve the effectiveness of the existing legal safeguards against sterilizations based on uninformed consent.

Detailed rules on strengthening the existing safeguards concerning sterilization will become part of the new Law on Specific Medical Services, which is being prepared and is expected to come in force in 2009.

Further, the Government is considering the proposal by the Government Council for Human Rights to establish an interdepartmental working commission to examine past sterilization practices.

Thank you for your attention.