

OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2016

Right of Reply Exercised

Response of the Czech Republic to the Statement of Ms. Gwendolyn Albert

**Working Session 14: Tolerance and non-discrimination, including ensuring equal
opportunity for women and men in all spheres of life**

Madame Moderator,

We would like to thank Ms. Gwendolyn Albert for her proposals.

Sterilization without free and informed consent is a serious breach of human rights of individuals and the Czech Government expressed its regret over individual errors that were made.

The Czech Government established a working group which deals with the issue of illegal sterilization of Romani women, in whose work Ms. Gwendolyn Albert participates as a guest. The working group is considering alternative ways of support to those illegally sterilized. We welcome Ms. Albert's proposals submitted to the working group.

Those illegally sterilized continue to have the possibility to defend their rights in court and to achieve monetary or non-monetary redress.

Thank you for your attention.