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The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and referring to its Note No. EOSG/ROL/2014/1 dated September 10, 2014, has the honor to share information on measures taken by the Government of the Czech Republic in order to implement the voluntary pledges made on the occasion of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law at the national and international levels of September 24, 2012, to strengthen specific aspects of the rule of law.

Pledge No. 1 - The Czech Republic will ratify the UN Convention against Corruption by the end of 2013:

The Czech Republic ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption on 29 November 2013.

Pledge No. 2 - The Czech Republic will continue to support development and stabilization of the political systems of other States based on the democratic principles and respect for human rights:

In 2012-2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic continued to provide support to the development and stabilization of political regimes based on democratic principles and the respect for human rights in the target countries of the Transformation Cooperation Programme. Within this Programme, with the annual budget of CZK 50 million, the so-called transformation cooperation was carried out mostly through subsidies granted to Czech NGOs who implement projects in Myanmar, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Georgia, Iraq, Kosovo, Cuba, Moldova, Serbia, and the Ukraine. For the Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, the Ukraine), a new subsidy programme has been introduced with the annual budget of CZK 5 million, mostly used to support activities of local civil society organizations.

Another initiative of the Czech Republic in this field was the UN Human Rights Council resolution on equal political participation, which the Czech Republic presented in September 2013 and in September 2014. In both cases, the resolution was adopted by consensus and signed by a large number of co-sponsors.

Pledge No. 3 - *The Czech Republic will support the rule of law in the bilateral development cooperation with Afghanistan through the annual financial and technical assistance during the programming period 2012-2017:*

According to the Policy Concept of Foreign Development Cooperation for 2010-2017 approved by the Government of the Czech Republic, Afghanistan is a country of priority for the Czech Republic's foreign development cooperation. In 2013, the Development Cooperation Programme for Afghanistan was bilaterally approved for the period until 2017. In addition to the bilateral development cooperation, the Czech Republic supports the Law and Order Trust Fund and the ANA Trust Fund (for the support of Afghan security forces) every year. For the years 2015-2017, the Czech Government augmented the bilateral assistance to Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and allocated special amount for an on-budget support of the security forces of Afghanistan (the total commitments of the Czech Republic will be CZK 60 million, i.e. about USD 3 million).

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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