



## NEWS REPORT

**Date:** 4 January 2010  
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**Title:** Czech governmental decree on unlawful sterilizations of women in the Czech republic  
**Country:** Czech republic  
**Context** In 2007, the Czech government reacted to a Report of the Public Defender of Rights (Czech Ombudsman), criticising the practice of sterilizations during communist period in Czechoslovakia. However, this report was never officially submitted to the government. The Minister for Human Rights decided to prepare a new report  
**Issue at stake:** Unlawful sterilizations  
**Ground of discrimination:** of Racial/ethnic origin, gender  
**Source:** Governmental decree No. 1424, 23 November 2009  
**Field:** other  
**Legislative provisions:** Directive of Ministry of Health from 17. December 1971, LP-252.3-19.11.1971

### **Content:**

The government acknowledges the submission by the Minister for Human Rights of a report on unlawful sterilizations of Roma women in the Czech Republic, expresses its regret on detected individual irregularities in sterilizations carried out contrary to the Directive of Ministry of Health, and instructs the Minister of Health to: (i) submit until 31 December 2009 information to the government on measures taken with respect to unlawful sterilizations, (ii) to include the issue of sterilizations into the programme of development of standards of patient care and (iii) to verify that the legal provisions are respected where sterilizations are carried out.

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