



NEWS REPORT

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Title:	The Czech government approved the general guidelines for final restitution and property settlement with churches and religious assemblies
Country:	Czech republic
Context	
Issue at stake:	Since the Czech law on land in 1992 stipulated that the restitution of property once expropriated by communist regime from churches and religious assemblies will be governed by special law, nearly twenty years passed without such law being approved. Churches and religious assemblies, representing a minority in the Czech republic, remained dependent on state funding, without being returned their former assets.
Ground of discrimination:	Religion/belief
Source:	Political development
Field:	Social advantages, access to goods and services

Content :

The draft Law on property restitution settlement, which the Government approved, should heal the injustice done to churches and religious assemblies during communist regime. The settlement will consist of partial natural restitution of property combined with financial compensation. The financial compensation will be reimbursed over 30 years. For a transitional period of 17 years, the Czech state will also continue to finance the churches and religious assemblies.

Internet link source and additional information: <http://www.vlada.cz/cz/media-centrum/aktualne/cirkve-dostanou-zpet-majetek--schvalila-vlada-87842/>