

Information on the current situation of children in the Czech Republic

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Dear public defender of children's rights,

I would like to inform you about the current situation in the Czech Republic. For this reason, I am forwarding to you the message that I sent to the judges of the Constitutional Court today, including the annexes.

I also consider myself a defender of children's rights, because looking at practice I have found out how unhappy children in the Czech Republic are, suffer and even commit suicide. I would like to help the children as much as possible.

In March, I contacted the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs with a letter, which can be found in Annex 3 (the letter contained findings useful for both ministries). I only received an answer from the Ministry of Justice, which, unfortunately, cannot help with the situation with children. I also participated in the Round Table of the Chamber of Deputies, which took place on 18 June 2025 at 14:10 on the topic "The guardianship system in the Czech Republic, current practice – shortcomings – necessary changes", which I very much ask you to listen to. I also gave a speech at this meeting from 16:38. The round table is publicly available in the video archive of the Chamber of Deputies. I also sent the letter and the attached evidence to the President of the Senate and the President and attended the 16th meeting of the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs, which took place on 25 June 2025 as a listener, as Senate Document No. 145 has very serious negative consequences for children. Today, I sent the following email to the judges of the Constitutional Court, supplementing this letter to the Constitutional Court judges with excerpts from the Convention on the Rights of the Child and from the VII. General Commentary No. 12 to this Convention and I have described in more detail in this letter what is to be considered the interest of the child in accordance with the Convention, because in my opinion the current case law takes into account only a part of the Convention (primarily the right to care from both parents), which in fact very seriously harms many children in their lives, if the decision of supreme court does not take into account excerpts from Convention at all which I mention in the letter.

I hope that the Children's Ombudsman who will be elected in the Czech Republic will be a fighter, because as I have discovered during my journey so far, defending the rights of children is not easy at all and requires unrelenting perseverance and courage.

Thank you in advance for reading and I wish you a beautiful rest of the day.

Yours truly

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