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The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the letter from the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers of 10 May 2013 has the honour to enclose its response.

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration. *sp*

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**Response of the Czech Republic
to the letter from the Special Rapporteur
on the independence of judges and lawyers of 10 May 2013**

A military justice system does not exist in the Czech Republic. Military courts, which had existed in Czechoslovakia on the basis of the Act Nr. 141/1992 Coll., on establishing of military courts, were abolished by the Act Nr. 284/1993 Coll., which became effective on January 1, 1994.

According to the Czech law, civilian courts in the Czech Republic have taken over the agenda of former military courts. At the same time, military prosecution's offices were abolished by the Act Nr. 283/1993 Coll. A special category of "military crimes" is stipulated by the Czech Criminal Code (Act Nr. 40/2009 Coll.).