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AGING POPULATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

NOVEMBER 15, 2004, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

PURPOSE: To assemble key descriptors of current aging trends and high impact areas, and to draw on regional and global experience in order to identify proven practices that could be recommended to the 10 Central and Eastern European countries.

CIRCUMSTANCES: Decreasing birthrates and increasing length of life are realities in Central and Eastern Europe today. Although these trends are not yet as dramatic as those in Western European countries, the aging of Central and Eastern Europe's population comes at a time of continuing changes in economic, social and geopolitical conditions that are dramatic.

RESULT: The recommendations assembled during this session will be formally reported to the 10 governments and discussed in a senior-level plenary session of the Euro-Atlantic Action Commission in February.

LOCATION: MARRIOTT HOTEL
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CONFERENCE ROOM: BOHEMIA III

AGENDA:

10:00 am **Opening Remarks and Introduction of Conference Participants**
Mr. George W. Handy, Director, Euro-Atlantic Action Commission, CSIS

STRUCTURING THE CHALLENGE OF AGING POPULATIONS

10:10 am **Keynote Presentation: Framework for Planning for Aging Population in Central and Eastern Europe**
Dr. Richard Jackson, Director, Global Aging Initiative, and Senior Fellow, CSIS

10:40 am **Discussion**

10:50 am **Future Aging Trends in Central and Eastern Europe**
Dr. Miroslava Mašková, Specialist in Population Aging in Europe, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University

11:05 am **Discussion**

11:15 am **Break**

IMPACTS OF AGING POPULATION

11:30 am **Views of the EU on the Impacts of Aging**
Mr. David Tunney, Assistant to Head of Representation to the Czech Republic, European Commission

11:45 am **Graying of Central Europe and the Impact on Health Care**
Mr. Frank Watanabe, Managing Director, Eli Lilly and Company

12:00pm **Pension Reform System**
Dr. Marek Góra, Professor, Warsaw School of Economics (SGH), and Co-Author of Security through Diversity

12:15 pm **Discussion**

12:30 pm **Working Lunch**

- **Status Report on Euro-Atlantic Action Commission**
Ms. Laura Jones, Program Coordinator, Euro-Atlantic Action Commission, CSIS
- **Private Sector Concerns for Aging Population Impacts**
Mr. Milan Fitko, General Manager, AMCICO Czech Republic
- **Programs to Promote Healthy Aging**
Mr. Richard Paulson, Country Manager, Pfizer Czech Republic

NATIONAL PLANNING

1:15 pm **Czech Republic: Concerns and Priorities for Aging Population**
Mr. Petr Wija, Expert, Social and Health Policy Section, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Czech Republic

1:30 pm **Hungary: Concerns and Priorities for Aging Population**
Dr. Zsuzsa Széman, Head of the Welfare Mix Team of the Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Ms. Zsuzsanna Kravalik, Project Manager, Studio Metropolitana, Hungary

- 1:45 pm **Slovakia: Concerns and Priorities for Aging Population**
*Mr. Michal Nalevanko, Expert, Social Insurance and Pension Saving Section,
Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia*
- 2:00 pm **Slovenia: Concerns and Priorities for Aging Population**
*Mr. Vojko Kuzma, Counselor, Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia to the Czech
Republic*
- 2:15 pm **Romania: Concerns and Priorities for Aging Population**
Ms. Adina Lovin, Diplomatic Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania
- 2:30 pm **General Discussion and Questions for Speakers**
- NEXT STEPS FOR ACTION COMMISSION PROJECT**
- 2:40 pm **Agreement on Areas for the Development of Practical Recommendations**
Moderator: Mr. George W. Handy
- 3:00 pm **Adjourn**