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EURO-ATLANTIC ACTION COMMISSION

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FY 2005 AND 2006 OPERATIONS

CONTINUING FOCUS OF THE ACTION COMMISSION: Business-government practical cooperation to improve implementation and enforcement of key economic policies impacting on investment and business growth in the 10 Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries that have entered or will enter the EU, and are members of NATO.*

CURRENT OBJECTIVES AND 6 PROJECTS FOR 2005 AND 2006:

- Provide global solutions for priority problems in health care in CEE:
 1. Develop and recommend practical and affordable actions that will introduce health care improvements customized to individual countries
- Contribute to increased levels of economic growth that will meet new requirements and competition:
 2. Improve innovation processes, financing, and market opportunity in order to increase high technology development:
 - Czech Republic
 - Hungary
 - Poland
 3. Enforce intellectual property rights through strengthened judicial capacity – Poland
- Provide for general improvement in business and investment conditions:
 4. Meet the continuing challenge for infrastructure modernization – rail transportation, other
 5. Raise the awareness of international standards for ethical business conduct

ADDITIONAL PLANNING:

- **Black Sea Region Economic Development:** Proposed by the Foreign Ministry of Romania, reviewed and developed by Dr. Brzezinski, and under review by other countries and funding sources.

* - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

- **Expanded Participation in SME Project in Southeastern Europe:** Interest of World Bank, and encouragement of US government to involve Romania, Turkey, and Greece in order to increase potential market size.
- **High Technology Cooperation Follow-on:** The Science Advisor to the Secretary of State would like to use the Action Commission structure to support a science and engineering program goal that fits within the framework of the recent high technology projects with Hungary and Poland – and the planned effort in Czech Republic. He indicated that he had funding for such an effort.
- The US and Bulgarian governments have suggested an **IPR roundtable session in Bulgaria**, modeled on the roundtables in Slovakia and Romania and being organized in Poland.