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**UPDATE REPORT**  
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**OVERVIEW**

The attached report of strong and improving economic performance among the leading 10 countries\* of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) merits your attention. It is one of the primary reasons for our new project on health care modernization and continuing projects on high technology growth and on improved rail transport infrastructure. The persistent threat of transnational crime and low marks on the Transparency International report on corruption has prompted our continuing contribution through projects to strengthen ethical business conduct and judicial capacity. These projects are progressing very well. We hope you will find the following snapshots illuminating and encouraging, and justify your continuing and generous support of the Euro-Atlantic Action Commission.

**ASSESSMENT OF RECENT ACTIVITIES**

**Johns Hopkins Team and Strong Group of Corporate Participants Begin Examination of CEE Health Care Modernization Requirements.**

Agreement of the Health Ministers of 9 of the 10 CEE countries, a partnership with Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health, sponsorship of 15 major global corporations from the US and EU, and cooperation with the EC, US, WHO, World Bank and others have placed this project on a fast track for significant results.

**Hungary High Technology Development Targets Six Action Areas During September Meeting with American Experts.**

Has resulted in actual agreement with top US and other foreign experts for cooperation and sharing of improved practices for innovation and commercialization of high technology is on our web-site. The next meeting will be in Budapest on November 9.

**Czech Government Agrees on November 30 for Startup of High Technology Development Project.**

Please let us know if you would like to participate in this initial workshop at CSIS. It has been organized at the invitation of Czech Deputy Prime Minister Martin Jahn.

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

**International Group Reviews Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Recommendations.** Meetings in Washington and Warsaw lay the groundwork for the next “Business-Judicial Roundtable for IPR Enforcement” to be held in Poland in January 2006.

**Diverse Corporate Team Prepares to Continue to Work on Railway Infrastructure Modernization with the New Polish Government.**

Investors have identified improved transportation infrastructure as one of the most important factors in increasing investment in CEE countries. Successful practices to improve Poland’s situation should be helpful to other countries in the region.

**Working Meeting in Krakow Kicks-off Project in Support of Ethical Business Conduct.**

A partnership with the Polish NGO, the Institute for Strategic Studies, and a grant from the Lockheed Martin Corporation have provided a solid foundation for this project.

**ACTION COMMISSION EXPERIENCE SHARED:**

**With CEO’s of Major Law Firms**

George Handy presented trends and opportunities for economic growth in Central and Eastern Europe to a distinguished group of CEO of major American law firms organized by the Hildebrandt Institute. We were honored that a panel discussion of the presentation was led by Mr. John Conroy, Chairman of the Executive Committee at Baker & McKenzie and included Mr. Duane Wall, Managing Partner at White & Case LLP, and Mr. William Perlstein, Co-Managing Partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr.

**With Foreign Minister Tarasyuk of Ukraine**

Minister Borys Tarasyuk presented an address at CSIS in September. He was presented with a proposal for sharing of Action Commission experience in economic transformation for Ukraine and the Black Sea region.

**DESCRIPTION OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IS ATTACHED – MILESTONE PLAN**

- Attachments:** 1. Economic Indicators for CEE  
2. Milestones Plan