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- Information from the Presidency

The Ministerial Conference “Safer Internet for Children – fighting together against illegal content”, held on 20 April 2009 in Prague, was aimed not only to foster the security of children using the ICT, but also bring a new insight into this issue, which requires a multi-angle perspective.

To that end, we had invited representatives of ministries responsible for telecommunications and the information society, interior ministries as well as those responsible for the issues of children and youth to share their views around one table. Apart from governments, the delegates represented international organizations, particularly INTERPOL and EUROPOL, industry, such as mobile operators or social network providers, as well as civil society, which plays a significant role in the area of education.
The result of the Conference, bringing together some 300 delegates, was the adoption of the Prague Declaration, which, despite being negotiated at the Working Group on Police Cooperation (i.e. working group under the JHA Council), is mainly based on cooperation between various stakeholders (law enforcement authorities, NGOs, representatives of industry – mobile operators, social networks, software producers etc.). We consider it a particular success that the Declaration was endorsed not only by representatives of the EU Member States, but also Norway and Switzerland.

At the TTE Council, the CZ PRES would like to present the results of the Conference, which to a significant extent addressed also issues related to telecommunications and the information society.

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