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ÈSSD considers sport and physical training an important social phenomenon and a means of promoting health amongst citizens, which will lead to lower demands on health care funds.

ÈSSD supports and promotes active sport as a means of the meaningful spending of leisure time with special focus on youth activities helping substantially in the fight against drugs and addiction to other harmful substances.

Sports representation by our sportsmen and women in international events is an important means of promoting the Czech Republic and is also a motivating factor in the generation of national pride and patriotism.

Taking into account our expected admission to the European Union ÈSSD considers it very important to sign the European Sports Charter. It will support the activities of physical training associations and sports unions mainly by legislative and tax amendments in order to satisfy the status of sports organizations as the non-profit ones and to make their activities, especially the operation of physical training and sports centres, financially easier. The proceeds of the SAZKA, a.s. company will be used for the purpose of public benefit in the area of physical training and sport in its full extent without any change.

Therefore, we see as a most important task the preparation of a comprehensive and interconnected system of sport and physical education support involving all the legislative, financial and institutional tools. This system will operate both on state level and on the level of the future regions and municipalities with a state authority ensuring the executive function of the State in this area and working together with the authorities of sports associations at the top.