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The protection of rights, freedoms, life, health and property of citizens is one of the basic obligations of the State and ESSD is firmly committed to this obligation. With the same determination it will also protect social and state interests, including the protection of state property and property of foreign subjects, investors and states as an aspect of fulfilling our international commitments.

ESSD will prepare the amendments and it will enforce compliance of the relevant laws in order to speed-up criminal proceedings, to improve its efficiency and to increase the options of punishing perpetrators of economic crime, organized crime and the drug trade. It will also approve laws protecting the capital market, small and large investors and depositors. ESSD is drafting a law on state property and the protection of confidential information. It empowers the function of state representation as an independent authority monitoring criminal proceedings and police authorities and representing the State not only in the criminal matters but also exercising control in the non-criminal area, mostly as a participant in the administration or even the general judiciary.

ÈSSD will propose provisions to improve the police efficiency, the personal structure of the force and the process of professional education and to improve the social and financial remuneration of policemen. It will try to enforce strict regulations controlling the excessive bureaucracy of the Ministry of the Interior and the police, the elimination of duplicated activities and the organisation of co-operation between units.

ÈSSD will consistently enforce realisation of the desired decentralization of the states powers to the regional authorities in order to increase the power of these state administration authorities and also the self-government authorities as far as public order is concerned.

ESSD will consistently and efficiently fight against corruption on all levels and it will insist on the designation of the criminal, legal, financial and political responsibilities. It will also fight against the drug trade and organized crime with all the means at its disposal to comply with world standards.

ESSD will enforce relevant legal consequences in connection with the cases of privatization and other decisions on state property transfers where a law has been violated causing prejudice to this property. It will ensure that these investigations and provisions affect the transparency of property relations in the Czech Republic as little as possible.

Social Democracy sees prevention as a task not only of the State but also of all the elements of civil society. The attention will be mainly focused on the vulnerable and problem groups and territories with increased criminality. It will also increase the control of released offenders and it will draft a policy for their incorporation back into society.

ESSD will adjust the visa and immigration policy to the standards of Europe in the protection of state interests and it will made necessary provision for investigating criminal activities amongst foreign communities. It will ensure the use of broad international cooperation facilities in all aspects of the fight against crime and money laundering.

ESSD will try to establish a unified information system that will ensure speeding up and reducing costs of the activities of State and self-governing authorities leading to the prompt and non-bureaucratic settlement of matters concerning citizens and companies. At the same time it will ensure the strict protection of confidential information and personal data of citizens by way of modern legal regulations.

ESSD will ensure the permanent preparedness of the integrated assistance system, units of civil protection and the Administration of the State Material Reserves to act and to deal with all industrial accidents and natural catastrophes. It will incorporate a system of on-going training of rescuers and the teams for humanitarian aid.