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The Czech Republic officially took over the presidency of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research from Hungary on March 21st 2007 at a ceremony held in Budapest in presence of ambassadors of member countries of the Task Force, and of Ms. Hana Hubackova, Deputy Director-General of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The new Chairman, Dr. Milos Pojar, is a member of the scientific committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, member of the board of the Czech German Foundation for the Future and former Czech ambassador to Israel. He will be assisted by Mr. Karel Fracapane, Executive Secretary of the Holocaust Task Force, whose office was transferred from Budapest to Prague, and supported by a staff of the Czech Foreign Ministry.

Dr. Pojar presented the main lines of his presidency, insisting on the importance to link the efforts of the Holocaust Task Force with prevention of antisemitism. He declared his intention to reinforce the action of the Task Force, and at the same time to rationalize its financial and administrative means, notably by quickly establishing a new budget and facilitating the creation of a permanent office. He also thanked the Hungarian Chair for its work in terms of expansion of Task Force membership and increased cooperation with other international organizations. At last, Dr. Pojar assured the participants of the complete support of the Czech Foreign Ministry for all activities related to Holocaust education, remembrance and research.