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NOVEMBER 28 - 29 2013**Mrs Dr Margaret Chan**Director-General  
World Health Organization  
Avenue Appia 20  
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SwitzerlandDear **Mrs Dr Margaret Chan**,

Ten years ago took place international conference in the German capital Berlin of eight big European cities, General Directorate of the European Commission for Environment and WHO for Europe on the alarming levels of noise and air pollution in European capitals.

At that time we could believe that it is possible to “command the wind and the rain” and the conclusions of the conference corresponded with it. Nevertheless the past decade has convinced us that the time of pie in the sky is over. Past decade has convinced us that the situation is even worse than we have anticipated.

The year is 2013 and noise and air pollution continue to embitter our lives, and there is no indication that our health and living conditions began to improve by themselves. This realized the European Commission, which announced this year of the year for air protection.

We strongly believe that it is time to stand up and face the problem. We should begin to solve it.

We know how difficult is to put into practical life new scientific knowledge, so let's start from little things. From small successes that were achieved somewhere. Let's take the example of them. Let's create some manual on how to proceed in all Europe, even our overseas friends.

We propose to extend Berlin memorandum on conceptual pan-European regulations of experience of local enthusiasts. It should be extend about people who put into practice a useful solution anywhere in their district or just in their street.

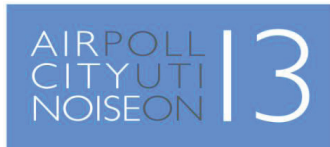
Czech professional community, in cooperation with the Capital city of Prague and the first Czech deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Karel Schwarzenberg, took the initiative to organize a new round of negotiations on the alarming levels of noise and air pollution in European and non-European cities in 2013. We call for international conference of Mayors of 27 capital cities of the

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member states of the European Union, capital cities of candidate's states, but also other important cities at risk from all over the world. This conference will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Prague.

We expect the participation of departmental European commissioners, Czech departmental ministers and other distinguished guests.

We would really appreciate your participation too and participation of WHO from each continent.

We draw citizens of the cities attention to the health effects caused by high levels of noise and air pollution. For illustration, let's choose one of the many handicaps, which relate to exposure to noise: a loss of hearing. The public is not familiar with the startling fact that deafness represent to eighty percent life quality reduction, while blindness represents "only" twenty percent of the limitations.

Let the inhabitants of our planet know that we are interested in the alarming state of the environment. Let them know that we truly want to do something about it. Let set clear and binding targets for 2014 and subsequent years. Until we record the first positive results. Only then we can be sure that our work begins to make sense.

Let us leave a legacy, for which our children will be proud of us! Our children do care how they will live; they just do not have a chance to change it.

Dear **Mrs Dr Margaret Chan**, we are convinced, that collectively with your continental colleagues you will accept the invitation to participate in this extraordinary event and you will visit the picturesque old Prague, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. At the same time we believe that you will acquaint other participants with the partial results in noise and air pollution reducing as WHO is monitoring this issue all over the world.

Once we receive your consent to participate at the November summit in the Czech capital city, we will gradually inform you of further details and upcoming program.

I wish you a lot of energy into your demanding work to maintain a protection of all population.

On behalf of the first Czech deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Karel Schwarzenberg, on behalf of the Host City of Prague, headed by Mayor Bohumil Svoboda, and also on behalf of the other co-organizers,

I assure you the deepest respect,

**Ing. Ivo Vaněk, EUR ING,**

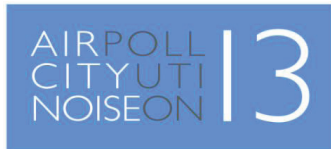
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**Attachment:** The resolution of the international conference Metropolitan challenges in noise and air policies, Berlin 2003

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NOVEMBER 28 - 29 2013**Thematic objectives of the conference:**

1. presentation of solutions to problems of noise and air pollution in major cities of the conference participants
2. Creation of a professional body, which, based on experience and knowledge of science methodology will develop the concept of reducing noise and air pollution in large cities (in the structure of national – continental – worldwide)
3. Creation of a body to coordinate steps to reduce noise and air pollution in the countries which will be interested in this issue (in the structure of national – continental – worldwide)
4. Agreement with the European Commission to support efforts to reduce noise and air pollution in large cities in the EU member states participating in the project of coordinated action
5. Agreement with representatives of non-EU cooperation in reducing noise and air pollution in large cities

**Suggested expert sections of the conference:**

The opening plenary session of the conference – the developments of environmental burden of big cities (10 years history of big cities conference in Berlin 2003)

1. Air pollution and noise – two currently primary pollutants in large cities
2. Development of air pollution and noise exposure in major cities
3. Effect of exposure to air pollution, noise and air pollution on human health (ENT, cardiology, psychiatry, pulmonary, neurology, etc.)
4. Directing legislation regulating noise and air pollution, monitoring of major pollutants
5. Technologies to reduce environmental emissions and noise (road transport, railways, aviation, industry)
6. Roads, reducing the environmental burden of large cities – net mobility (cycling, electro mobility, CNG and LPG mobility, etc.) displacement of industry, etc.
7. Impact of noise and air pollution on land-use plan and its amendments
8. Clever cities

The final plenary session of the conference – acceptance of Memorandum (the requirements of major cities) to scientific and public policy.

**The gala will be donated to people affected by noise and air pollution.**

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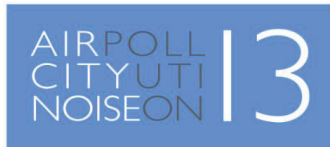
- Association of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic, represented by **Mgr. Pavel Drahovzal**
- Central Automotoclub of the Czech Republic, a member of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile, represented by President **JUDr. Oldrich Vanicek**
- City of Prague, represented by Mayor **Bohuslav Svoboda** and by First Deputy Mayor **Tomas Hudecek**
- Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Medicine, represented by the President of the Czech Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery of the Czech Medical Association of Jan Evangelista Purkyně, **Prof. MUDr. Viktor Chrobok, Csc., Ph.D.**
- Charles University in Prague, Center for Environment, represented by Director **Prof. RNDr. Bedrich Moldan., Dr.h.c.**
- Community of Czech Architects, represented by **Akad. Arch. Peter Fuchs**
- Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Transportation, represented by the Dean, **Prof. Dr. Ing. Miroslav Svitek** (the conference will be part of the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Faculty of Transportation)
- Czech-Israeli Chamber of Commerce, represented by Vice-President of the chamber, **Mgr. Petr Benes**
- Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic
- Football Club Bohemians Prague 1904, represented by club president, football International **Antonin Panenka**
- International Association for Geographic Information Systems (GIS), represented by Vice President **Prof. RNDr. Milan Konecny, CSc.**
- Interparliamentary group of friends Czech Republic Israel, represented by Vice-President of the Interparliamentary Group and Member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, **Ing. Hana Orgonikova**
- KKL Jewish National Fund in the Czech Republic, represented by its President, **JUDr. Michael Pacovsky**
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented by Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs **Karel Schwarzenberg**
- National Noise Observatory, represented by President **Ladislav Kunert**

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- Police of the Czech Republic, Traffic Police Service

**Candidates Czech Committee of the project BETTER CITIES FOR BETTER LIFE:**

1. **Karel Schwarzenberg**, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
2. **Doc. MUDr. Bohuslav Svoboda, CSc.**, Mayor of the Capital city of Prague
3. **Ing. Hana Orgoníková**, Member of Parliament, Vice-President of the Interparliamentary Group of Friends of the Czech Republic – Israel
4. **Ing. Jaromír Schling**, Advisor of the President of the Czech, Milos Zeman, Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic in the years 2000- 2002
5. **RNDr. Tomáš Hudeček, Ph.D.**, First Deputy Mayor of Prague
6. **Ladislav Kunert**, president of National Noise Observatory of the Czech Republic
7. **Ing. Ivo Vaněk, EUR ING**, president of National Noise Observatory of the Czech Republic CONSULTING and president of the international competition GOLDEN DECIBEL – Decibel d'Or
8. **Prof. Ing. Jiří Vaverka, DrSc.**, building acoustics, Brno University of Technology
9. **Prof. MUDr. Viktor Chrobok, CSc., Ph.D.**, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Medicine, President of the Czech Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery of the Czech Medical Association of Jan Evangelista Purkyně,
10. **Prof. RNDr. Bedřich Moldan, CSc., dr.h.c** Charles University in Prague, Center for Environment
11. **Prof. Dr. Ing. Miroslav Svítek**, Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Transportation
12. **Prof. RNDr. Milan Konečný, CSc.**, Vice-President of the International Association for Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
13. **Doc. Dr. Ing. Zdeněk Pospíchal**, judicially authorized expert on the environment
14. **RNDr. Bohumil Pokorný, CSc.**, authorized expert on public health, long-time director of the Health Institute in Brno
15. **Ing. Josef Burda**, , judicially authorized expert on the economy, Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Development of Human Resources of Southern Region
16. **RNDr. Petr Beneš**, Vice-President of the Czech-Israeli Chamber of Commerce
17. **Ing. Jaroslav Jansa, CSc.**, An international expert “clever cities”, representative of the Czech Republic in the Research Executive Agency, European Commission
18. **JUDr. Michal Pacovský**, President of KKL Jewish National Fund in the Czech Republic
19. **Antonín Panenka**, club president, Football Club Bohemians Prague 1904
20. **JUDr. Jaroslav Vít**, Vice junior hockey club HC Kometa Úvoz Brno
21. **Prof. MUDr. Jan Pirk, DrSc.**, Head of Cardio-**IKEM** – Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine
22. **Prof. MUDr. Josef Syka, DrSc.**, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Institute of Experimental Medicine

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24. **Mgr. Tomáš Chalupa**, Minister of the Environment
25. **Doc. MUDr. Leoš Heger, CSc.**, Minister of Health
26. **Ing. Ludmila Müllerová**, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs
27. **MUDr. Martin Kuba**, Minister of Industry and Trade
28. **PhDr. Ivan Gabal**, a sociologist, coordinator of the Czech part of the European project CITI-SENSE, which is focused on the integration of modern static and mobile sensor technology to measure air pollution by individual Citizen and public Leeds.
29. **Ing. Zdeněk Žák**, transportation expert, former Inspector General of Czech Railways
30. **Ing. Karel Havlíček**, Department Director, State Transport Infrastructure Fund of the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic
31. **Jaromír Šlápota**, Chairman of the Czechoslovak Foreign Institute
32. **Plk. Prof. Ing. Ignác Hoza, CSc., Dr.h.c.**, Vice-Rector of the College of Commerce and hotel in Brno, twice rector of the Military University of the Ground Forces and the Rector of Tomas Bata University in Zlin
33. **Bc. Václav Krása**, Chairman of the National Institute of the Disabled people
34. **Prof. Ing. Vladimír Lapčík, CSc.**, Head of Environmental Management, Institute of Environmental Engineering, VSB – Technical University in Prague, Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic in 1998
35. **Prof. Ing. Petr Moos, CSc.**, Vice-Rector of the Czech Technical University in Prague, Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic in 1998
36. **Doc. Ing. et Ing. Antonín Peltrám, CSc.**, Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic in the years 1998-2000
37. **Ing. Květoslava Kořínková, CSc.**, College of International and Public Relations in Prague, Department of European Studies, Public Administration and Law
38. **plk. Ing. Drahošlav Ryba**, Managing Director of the Fire and Rescue Service of the Czech Republic
39. **plk. Ing. Tomáš Lerch**, Director of Traffic Police Service, Police Presidium of the Czech Police
40. **Mgr. Pavel Drahošlav**, Chairman of the Environment Association of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic
41. **Jiří Gasiorovič**, an expert on noise and air pollution, Czech Television
42. **PhDr. Petr Hedbávný**, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of European economic integration and economic policy
43. **MUDr. František Kožíšek, CSc.**, National Health Institute, Czech Medical Society of Jan Evangelista, Company sanitation and municipal
44. **Prof. Ing. Jan Kudrna, CSc.**, University of Technology, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Institute of roads
45. **Mgr. Jaromír Marek**, foreign correspondent Czech Radio 1, Radiožurnál
46. **Ing. Jiří Pokorný**, Chairman of METROPROJEKT Praha, a.s.
47. **Prof. Ing. Boris Šimák, CSc.**, Head of Department of Telecommunications, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague

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48. **Ing. Jiří Šnajdar**, builder of highways and airports in South Africa and in the UK
49. **Ing. Miroslav Václavěk**, transport expert
50. **Ing. Petr Míka**, transport expert
51. **Petr Dvořák**, CEO of Czech Television
52. **Prof. Jiří Drahoš**, President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
53. **Tomáš Kraus**, secretary of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic
54. **MUDr. Alena Šteflová, CSc.**, Director of WHO in the Czech Republic
55. **Ing. Alois Novák**, advisor of the minister of the environment, Mgr. Chalupa
56. **Ing. Jan Beránek**, Head of City Investment, Capital City of Prague
57. **Ing. Ladislav Pivec**, Director of Technical Administration of Roads Capital City of Prague
58. **Prof. Dr.h.c. Winfried Vahland**, Chairman of the managing board of ŠKODA AUTO
59. **JUDr. Oldřich Vaníček**, President of the Central Automotoclub Czech Republic, a member of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile
60. **Akad. Arch. Petr Fuchs**, Czech Architects Community
61. **PhDr. Ivan Douda**, a leading psychologist, Board Drop In (National Drug Organization)

  
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