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 TAGS: MARR, MASS, PREL, BK, CZ  
 SUBJECT: BOSNIA TRAIN AND EQUIP: POSSIBLE CZECH  
 PARTICIPATION

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1. CLASSIFIED BY AZNEASSADOR JAMES W. PARDEW, EUR.  
REASON: 1.5(D).

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2. (U) CZECH REPUBLIC [REDACTED] AT HIS REQUEST, CALLED ON TASK FORCE FOR MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS MEMBER ANGEL RABASA, AUGUST 7. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE CZECH GOVERNMENT WAS INTERESTED IN LEARNING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE BOSNIA TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM AND WHAT IT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAM. RABASA REVIEWED THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS REGISTERED IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATION OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA'S COMPLIANCE ON WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES AND TERMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE LINKS WITH IRAN, THE PASSAGE OF THE FEDERATION DEFENSE LAW, THE SIGNING OF THE MPRI CONTRACT, AND INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE. HE ALSO NOTED THE FRG'S STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS BILATERAL OFFER OF TRAINING TO THE FEDERATION.

3. (C) [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE CZECH REPUBLIC IS CONSIDERING PARTICIPATING IN THE TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM, AND THAT A DECISION BY THE CZECH GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON. HE ASKED WHAT KIND OF CONTRIBUTIONS THE CZECH REPUBLIC COULD MAKE. WE RESPONDED THAT THERE ARE SHORTFALLS IN ARTILLERY, AIR DEFENSE, COUNTER-BATTERY RADAR, ARMOR (T-72-EQUIVALENT TANKS), AND TRUCKS AND OTHER TACTICAL VEHICLES. NON-LETHAL ASSISTANCE COULD INCLUDE HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, AND INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS' PROTECTIVE GEAR. RABASA ADDED THAT WE COULD PROVIDE FURTHER IDEAS AS OUR DIALOGUE PROGRESSES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE  
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CZECHS MAY WANT TO ISSUE A STATEMENT OF POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM. [REDACTED] UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THESE IDEAS TO PRAGUE.

4. (C) [REDACTED] SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE TASK FORCE TO PRAGUE WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE CONFIRMED THAT A VISIT TO PRAGUE IN THE NEAR FUTURE WAS BEING CONSIDERED, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO CZECH AND OTHER CENTRAL EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAIN AND

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EQUIP PROGRAM. (FYI: WE ARE CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE VISIT TO PRAGUE OF U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS AMB. JAMES W. PARDEW: ARRIVE SEPT. 5, MEETINGS WITH CZECH OFFICIALS SEPT. 6, DEPART SEPT. 7.)

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