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Dear Colleagues,

It was with a heart loaded with a deep sorrow and regret that I learned this morning about the untimely death of the committed human rights activist, the Ombudsman of the Czech Republic JUDr. Otakar Motejl on May 9, 2010. One of the greatest statesmen of the Czech Republic passed into eternity.

This loss is very hard to accept. It was only recently that jointly with JUDr. Motejl we worked on conducting the Second international conference on the protection of human rights of Ukrainian migrant workers in Prague under the auspices of the Ombudsmen of Ukraine and the Czech Republic. I am convinced that my compatriots living in the Czech Republic will long remember his respectful attitude to the rights of migrant workers.

It is notable that the relationship between Ombudsman institutions of Ukraine and the Czech Republic have always been based on mutual understanding, support and openness. I am especially grateful for this to JUDr. Otakar Motejl – a respected expert in the field of human rights, who dedicated his life to serving justice, human dignity and democracy.

As a wise person with an open heart and a noble soul he has always enjoyed respect not only among his Czech colleagues, but also among the whole community of Ombudsmen. I strongly believe that the life and contribution of JUDr. Otakar Motejl will be preserved in history as a bright example of the selfless service to people.

I sincerely condole together with all the staff members of the Office of the Ombudsman of the Czech Republic this mournful time, and would be grateful if you could extend my condolences and words of support to the daughter Catherine, family and friends of the late JUDr. Motejl.

 **Nina Karpachova**