

CZECHOSLOVAK COMMISSION FOR IDNDR
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Since the last report of the Commission in autumn 1991 there were no changes neither in its membership, nor in its secretariat. Activity of the Commission was under the guidance of the secretariat according to the approved plan of action.

From the point of view of the general IDNDR objectives, the most significant achievement was the commencement of the federal programme of the solicitude for the environment. This programme is under the supervision of the Federal Committee of the environment (ministry), which financed elaboration of a project proposal "Information system on industrial breakdowns and natural disasters". Part of this project related to natural disasters was elaborated in 1992 by the Commission in two analytical studies :

- Analysis of the hydrometeorological and geological risks in Czechoslovakia (analysis of the current knowledge and state of monitoring of natural disasters), and
- Monitoring and information system of the disastrous phenomena - design.

The last study contains proposals for setup of a comprehensive information system, for organizational and legal measures, in the domain of landslide phenomena, earthquakes, floods, droughts, and dangerous weather phenomena (windstorms, rainstorms, inversion phenomena - high air pollution, glazed frost, icing). The proposed system encompasses also a connection to the existing warning systems, e.g. for radiation breakdowns (calculation of the transfer paths), to the traffic despatch system, etc. Objective of this study is to create a complex and effective rescue system.

Construction of the above system should commence in the next year, and should be implemented under the supervision of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Interior - Civil defence. Also at this stage of the project implementation, the Commission is supposed to take an active part.

Help to the Commission from the international IDNDR staff is highly appreciated. Prof.J.Nemec actively took part in negotiations with the Federal Committee of the Environment in the initial stage of the project approval.

Commission is prepared to celebrate the 14 October - the international

Day of the IDNDR. At this occasion, a festive meeting of the Commission will be convened. Several papers are prepared for publication, as well as interviews in radio and television, to inform the public about the aims and significance of the IDNDR.