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National Report

1. <i>Name of Association</i>	The Association of Private Schools of Bohemia, Moravia And Silesia
2. <i>Country</i>	The Czech Republic
3. <i>Year</i>	2005
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5. <i>New national legislation for independent schools:</i> Please describe new laws which are in force or are being prepared.	<p>The three acts were approved 24th September 2004. They came into effect 1st January 2005 with exception of some articles.</p> <p>The Education Act has replaced all current laws on pre-primary, basic, upper secondary, tertiary technical and extracurricular education and on the administrations of education system.</p> <p>The three acts were approved 24th September 2004. They came into effect 1st January 2005 with exception of some articles. The Education Act has replaced all current laws on pre-primary, basic, upper secondary, tertiary technical and extracurricular education and on the administrations of education system.</p>
6. <i>National discussions:</i> Discussions about the situation of the independent schools. Do the discussions take place in the media, if yes, which questions are raised.	<p>On the basis of the reform of public administration substantial changes has appeared in education, especially in the division of competencies and responsibilities between the regions and central institutions and funding.</p> <p>Regions require for more and more autonomy, which is conditioned financially. That is why regions ask for larger share in taxes and their responsibility for funding of schools instead of Ministry of Education. Unfortunately it is linked directly to private sector in education, mostly on its secondary level.</p> <p>Private schools receive a state contribution towards their running</p>

	<p>costs through the regions but with very limited power of the regional governments to influence (low) granted subsidies.</p> <p>There is a question what could happen to private schools at the moment when local or regional executive bodies will have the right to decide about subsidies to "our" schools in consequence of problems they have with "their" public schools. Discussions to new school laws and problems connected to them take place in media (TV, radio, local newspapers).</p> <p>Czech association of private schools has been very active and initiative.</p>
<p>7. <i>Situation of the Association:</i></p> <p>Progress, stagnation, decline.</p> <p>Problems, challenges for the Association.</p>	<p>As recently said, in a slight progress in number of schools</p>
<p>8. <i>Independent schools in general.</i></p> <p>Growth or decline?</p> <p>The schools' financial situation?</p>	<p>Stagnation in general (a demographic decline).</p> <p>School situation still quite stable, but private schools will have to work hard to protect gained rules and given right to be subsidised in near future owing to the facts written above.</p>
<p>9. <i>Special initiatives:</i></p> <p>Has the Association during the past year made any particular initiatives in order to promote the work in the independent schools?</p>	<p>The Association of Private Schools of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia is preparing the Seminar in Senate (The Chamber of The Parliament) with participation of all the important people and experts in education incl. Minister of Education in May 2005.</p> <p>In September 2005 The 6th International Congress of Private Schools in The Czech Republic will be held in Ceske Budejovice, the in the South of Bohemia.</p>
<p>10. <i>Other relevant information.</i></p>	