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X/13 CS - 1ST ADD COUNCIL OF EUROPE (CN-113) XXXX MEETING

(RFE SPECIAL/ROBERTIELLO)- A PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEETING SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN SENATE, PAUL STRUYE, PRESIDING, OPENED THE CONFERENCE THIS MORNING ASKING FOR THE SYMBOLIC SILENCE.

"OUR REVERENT THOUGHT," MR. STRUYE SAID, "GOES IN PARTICULAR TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHO DIED TO DEFEND THAT FREEDOM TO WHICH THE ENTIRE NATION ASPIRES."

MR. STRUYE WENT ON TO SAY HE HOPED THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE , WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE POSSIBLE, TO RE-ESTABLISHING PEACE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

THE PRESS SPOKESMAN PROVIDED INDIRECT QUOTES OF MR. STRUYE'S STATEMENT. THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

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