



NEWS REPORT

Date:	7 September 2010
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Title:	Pavel Varvařovský elected new Czech Ombudsman by the Deputy Chamber of the Czech Parliament
Country:	Czech republic
<u>Context</u>	After the sudden death of the first Czech Ombudsman, Otakar Motejl, on 9 May 2010, the post remained vacant for nearly four months. In December 2009, only shortly before his death, Otakar Motejl assumed his new competences, becoming responsible for protection against discrimination as the Czech Equality Body.
Issue at stake:	The Czech Equality Body resuming its full personal competence
Ground of discrimination:	all grounds
Source:	political development
Field:	Anti-discrimination protection
Legislative provisions:	None
<u>Content</u>	

Political development: In the second round of electing the new Czech ombudsman, the leading Czech political parties agreed on their common candidate. The candidate with major support in the first round vote, Anna Šabatová, was not re-nominated. Czech social democrats, who are in opposition, and who supported Anna Šabatová, refused to vote for Pavel Varvařovský.