

**CZECH STATISTICAL OFFICE**  
**PRESIDENT**  
*Jan FISCHER*

Prague, 12 May 2006  
Our ref: Z -13/06-1000

Dear Sirs,

We received your letter of 22 March 2006 with the enclosed document "**Independence for statistics: A consultation document**" concerning intended reforms in statistics in the United Kingdom. In the covering letter the Czech Statistical Office was asked for a view on the issues raised in the document.

We have read the document sent by you with interest. As for possible recommendations to the document we assume that the most important task is to create the independent body with a strong position of the head of the body, suggested reforms should be in accord with the European Statistics Code of Practice. You have also a possibility to acquaint with our practice because your expert Mr. Richard Laux from the Office for National Statistics participated in the Czech Statistical Office as a member of the reviewing team of the Pilot Peer Review.

We shall be pleased to offer you consultations regarding experience of the Czech Statistical Office particularly in the following areas:

- creation of special statistical legislation;
- operation of the national statistical office as a "Non-Ministerial Department";
- position of the national statistical office as an independent part of the civil service.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'p.a. J. Fischer', is written over a faint, larger signature.

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