**On Tuesday, September 1, 2020, the Czech Republic officially submitted the nomination of its candidate Mr. Vladimír Dlouhý for the position of Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).**

The new OECD Secretary General should replace Mr. José Ángel Gurría from Mexico, who has headed the Organization for three consecutive terms since 2006. The selection process should be finalized by March 2021 and the winner will take over the Organization as of June of the same year.

Mr. Dlouhý is a respected economist, who served as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Minister of Industry and Trade. He was a member of the core team responsible for fundamental social and economic reforms that have transformed the Czech Republic from a centrally planned to a developed market economy.

He currently serves as President of the Czech Chamber of Commerce and Deputy President of EUROCHAMBRES, Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, representing over 20 million businesses in 44 countries. Throughout his rich career, he also occupied high-level advisory and supervisory positions in major international companies such as Goldman Sachs, Rolls-Royce, Telefonica O2 or ABB.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is an international organization based in Paris, gathering 37 countries from North and South America, Europe and Asia-Pacific. It works on establishing evidence-based international standards and on finding solutions to social, economic and environmental challenges. It provides a unique forum and knowledge hub for data and analysis, exchange of experiences, best-practice sharing, and advice on public policies and international standard-setting.