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The Future of Democracy in a Turbulent World Perspectives from the Heart of Europe

Lecture by the Honorable Pavel Bělobrádek Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

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The Václav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy presents a timely discussion by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic. **Pavel Bělobrádek** holds a degree from the Veterinary and Pharmaceutical University in Brno, as well as a Master's in Public Administration specializing in Safety and Crisis Management from The CEVRO Institute. In 2012 he was elected to the council of the Hradec Kralove region and has been a member of the Czech Parliament since 2013. Among Mr. Bělobrádek's duties as Deputy Prime Minister is heading science, research and innovation for the Czech Republic.

The Czech Republic is often referred to as 'the heart of Europe.' In presenting the current Czech perspectives on international relations, Mr. Bělobrádek will be joined by the Hon. Ondřej Benešik, member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and chairman of the European Affairs Committee, and the Hon. Pavel Svoboda, member of the European Parliament and chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament. Questions to be considered include: How is pragmatic economic diplomacy in the foreign policies of the Czech Republic connected to value-based diplomacy stressing the importance of human rights? How are the profound changes in today's world reflected in the changing relations between the Czech Republic and Cuba? Is there a place for new forms of transatlantic cooperation - not only in trade and investments but also in the area of public diplomacy, transfer of knowledge, new technologies and education?

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