



BRIEFING NOTE: Štefan FÜLE

Name	Štefan FÜLE 
First time Commissioner?	Yes
Date of Hearing	Tuesday 12 January 13.00-16.00
Country	Czech Republic
Political Party	Unaffiliated
Previous Czech Commissioner	Vladimir Spidla
Portfolio	Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy
Services	DG Enlargement (ELARG); The neighbourhood parts of DG External Relations (RELEX) and of the EuropeAid-Cooperation Office (AIDCO)
Personal details	Born May 24, 1962 in Sokolov, Czech Republic Married 3 children
Current duties	Since December 2009: Commissioner Designate for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy
Political career	May 2009 – November 2009: Minister of European Affairs of the Czech Republic 2001 – 2002: First Deputy Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic
Professional career	2005 – 2009: Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to North Atlantic Treaty Organisation 2003 – 2005: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 1998 – 2001: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the Republic of Lithuania (2000 – 2001 NATO Contact Point Embassy in Republic of Lithuania) 1996 – 1998: Director, Security Policy Dept., Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic 1995 – 1996: Director, United Nations Dept., Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

	<p>1994 – 1995: Delegation Member and Alternate Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Security Council</p> <p>1990 – 1995 First Secretary, Permanent Delegation of the Czechoslovak Federative (later Czech) Republic at United Nations</p> <p>1987 – 1990 Desk Officer, United Nations Dept., Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Federative Republic</p>
Education	<p>1988: UN disarmament study program</p> <p>1981 – 1986: Moscow State Institute of International Relations</p> <p>1980 – 1981: Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University, Prague</p>
Languages	<p>Czech: mother tongue</p> <p>English and Russian: thorough knowledge</p> <p>French and German: basic knowledge</p>
FYI....	<p>Holds the following merits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Golden Lime Tree of Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic (2008) ▪ Order of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas, 3rd Class (2002) ▪ Cross of Merit of Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic, Grade I. (2002)

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