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ruka, která hýbe kolébkou, hýbe celým světem...

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I represent the Czech Network of Mother Centers, which brings together nearly 300 parent centers.

Mothers see the future through the eyes of their children, and they also know that "The next age depends on how its citizens are raised". This idea was formulated by Jan Amos Komenský* more than 400 years ago. Therefore, the Czech Network of Mother Centers supports the active involvement of mothers and their families in the community of life.

I thank very much for the opportunity to be here to the Ministry for regional development under the leadership of Minister Karla Šlechtová, particular thanks to Daniela Grabmüllerová and Magdalena Žárská, with whom we had established years lasting cooperation.

I also thank to the Secretariat of Habitat III, who support the involvement of civil society in the decision-making process.

Jan Amos Komenský, who is my favorite thinker, also said: "No one is born only for themselves, everyone is born for the human society."

Therefore, we consider cooperation at the regional, national and global levels to be an important aspect of life in the community.

The Czech Network of Mother Centers is a member of the global coalition – the Huairou Commission, we cooperate with our sisters' organizations around the world. We come together under common issues and work together to implement a change. We fight for the voice of women and mothers - by extension families and communities - to be heard and engaged at all the levels decision-making levels and work for a change to improve our quality of life.

The current trend of consumer life prioritizes short-term economic gratification in decision-making.

It is important for us to develop sustainable life-style in the cities. We are convinced that building a sustainable and pleasant life in cities must go hand in hand with the building of a sustainable and pleasant life in the countryside.

I use the Jan Amos Komenský (Comenius) quote again:

"To be successful, however, the remedy must be comprehensive and holistic, to simultaneously improve everything that is related to one another, otherwise, we will never get ahead."

Therefore, it is necessary to think about a comprehensive transformation of the conditions of life in the local communities in the long term. The Czech Network of Mother Centers and our sister's organizations are prepared to build equal partnership and cooperate with other stakeholders for this goal.

We believe that only partnerships, cooperation, sharing and mutual respect at all levels can bring about sustainable changes in life in urban and rural communities, which will create community friendly families.

Only in this way can be maintained human life on the planet Earth.

* **Jan Amos Komenský (Comenius)** - European scholar, clergyman, philosopher, and pioneer of modern education was born in Moravia 1592.

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