

## **Vladimir Spidla**

### **Prime Minister of the Czech Republic**

Born on April 22, 1951, in Prague, Vladimir Spidla graduated from that city's Charles University in 1976.

Over the next several years, he held a variety of positions: in monument preservation and the protection of nature, in archeology, in wood-processing, and with a dairy and building materials store.

In 1990, Mr. Spidla became vice-chairman of a national committee responsible for district education, health care, social affairs and culture. From 1991 to 1996, he was director of a local labour office.

In the Chamber of Deputies, to which he was elected in 1996, he chaired the Social Policies and Health Care Committee.

In 1998, Mr. Spidla became First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour and Social Affairs. In 2001, Mr. Spidla became chairman of the CSSD Social Democratic Party executive committee.

Mr. Spidla became Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on July 12, 2002.

Mr. Spidla is married and has four children.