

## **Statutes of the Foreign Security Policy Coordination Committee**

### **Article 1 Introductory Provisions**

- (1) The Foreign Security Policy Coordination Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) is a standing working body of the National Security Council for the national coordination of the foreign security policy of the Czech Republic.
- (2) The Committee was established by Government Resolution No. 32 of 11 January 1999.

### **Article 2 Activities of the Committee**

- (1) The Committee ensures the national coordination of the Czech Republic's foreign security policy with emphasis on the international position of the Czech Republic and on relations with international security organisations.
- (2) In the field of foreign security policy, the Committee, in particular,
  - a) is responsible for inter-ministerial coordination of preparatory measures and activities,
  - b) discusses documents submitted by ministries and other administrative authorities and, if necessary, recommends the discussion of these documents to the National Security Council,
  - c) assesses the development of situations in crisis areas that may potentially threaten the security interests of the Czech Republic and proposes to the National Security Council the implementation of necessary measures,
  - d) discusses and coordinates the procedure of ministries and other administrative authorities in relation to international security organisations, in particular coordinates the Czech Republic's involvement in the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union, the Common Security and Defence Policy of the European Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the security activities of the United Nations and other international governmental organisations,
  - e) coordinates the activities of ministries aimed at informing the public about the activities of international security organisations,
  - f) assesses the foreign policy acceptability of proposals for possible involvement of the Czech Republic in peacekeeping, humanitarian and rescue operations,
  - g) discusses the financial framework for securing the Czech Republic's participation in foreign civilian operations and missions of international governmental organisations and

annually, through the Minister of Foreign Affairs, submits recommendations to the Government on the amount of funds required for this purpose in the following year,

- h) discusses and coordinates the scope of the Czech Republic's participation in individual foreign civilian operations and missions of international governmental organisations and recommends to the members of the Government the sending of relevant experts to these operations and missions.

### **Article 3 Composition of the Committee**

- (1) The Committee has 20 members.
- (2) The Committee is chaired by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Executive Vice Chairman is a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The other members of the Committee are
  - a) secretary of the EU Committee at government level,
  - b) representative of the Ministry of Regional Development,
  - c) representative of the Ministry of Defence,
  - d) representative of the Ministry of Interior,
  - e) representative of the Ministry of Finance,
  - f) representative of the Ministry of Health,
  - g) representative of the Ministry of Agriculture,
  - h) representative of the Ministry of Industry and Trade,
  - i) representative of the Ministry of the Environment,
  - j) representative of the Ministry of Justice,
  - k) Chairman of the State Material Reserves Administration,
  - l) representative of the Office of the President of the Republic,
  - m) Director of the National Security Office,
  - n) Director of the National Office for Cyber and Information Security,
  - o) Director of the Office of Foreign Relations and Information,
  - p) Director of the Security Information Service,
  - q) Director of Military Intelligence,
  - r) Director of the Secretariat of the National Security Council.

### **Article 4 Chairman and Members of the Committee**

- (1) The meetings of the Committee are convened by the Chairman of the Committee as required.
- (2) The members of the Committee are designated by Article 3. The representatives of the ministries designated for membership in the Committee are appointed and removed by the ministers responsible. The representative of the Office of the President of the Republic for membership in the Committee is appointed and removed by the Head of the Office of the President of the Republic.
- (3) The members of the Committee attend all meetings and may be represented by an authorised officer of their office only in exceptional circumstances. The authorised officer must present the authorisation of the Committee member he/she is representing and then he/she may attend the meeting with all the duties and rights of a full member. The authorisation may be permanent if the relevant Minister, the Head of the Office of the President of the Republic and the members of the Committee designated by Article 3 appoint an alternate of the Committee. An authorisation may also be granted exclusively for a specific meeting. In this case, it may be sent electronically.
- (4) Changes to the members of the Committee and their alternates are notified in writing by the individual authorities to the Chairman of the Committee. Changes are registered and archived by the Committee Secretariat.
- (5) The members of the Committee must be authorised to have access to classified information at the classification level Confidential or higher pursuant to Act No. 412/2005 Coll., on the Protection of Classified Information and Security Eligibility, as amended.

#### **Article 5 Committee Secretariat**

- (1) The function of the Committee Secretariat, which ensures the activities of the Committee, is performed by the Security Policy Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (2) The Head of the Committee Secretariat is the Director of the Security Policy Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Head of the Committee Secretariat attends the meetings of the Committee.

#### **Article 6 External Cooperation**

The Committee may invite the representatives of ministries and other administrative authorities who are not members of the Committee, or other experts, as appropriate. The decision to invite such persons is made by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of the proposals from the members of the Committee.

#### **Article 7**

### **Subcommittees and Expert Working Groups**

- (1) The Committee may establish subcommittees and expert working groups of its members, representatives of ministries and other administrative authorities and invited experts and appoint their heads to discuss substantive issues.
- (2) The heads of subcommittees and expert working groups chair their meetings and submit the documents prepared by the subcommittee or expert working group for consideration at the Committee meeting.

### **Article 8 Rules of Procedure**

- (1) The meetings of the Committee are governed by the Rules of Procedure of the Committee. The Rules of Procedure of the Committee and amendments and additions thereto are approved by the National Security Council.
- (2) The meetings of subcommittees and expert working groups are governed by the rules of procedure of those bodies or, where appropriate, by the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

### **Article 9 Final Provisions**

- (1) Amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Foreign Security Policy Coordination Committee are approved by the Government.
- (2) These Statutes are available to the public on the website and at the seat of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic. The full wording is published on the website.
- (3) These Statutes take effect on the date of approval by the Government.