

Statutes of the Internal Security Committee

Article 1 Introductory Provisions

- (1) The Internal Security Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) is a standing working body of the National Security Council for the coordination and planning of measures to ensure the internal security of the Czech Republic and the protection of public order.
- (2) The Committee was established by Government Resolution No. 544 of 09 July 2014.

Article 2 Competence of the Committee

- (1) The Committee coordinates the planning of measures to ensure the internal security of the state, the protection of public order and law and order, the protection of the economy against economic crime, the protection of classified information, security competence, the protection of asylum and migration policy and the protection of state borders, the fight against organised crime and corruption, and the provision of preventive measures against crime.
- (2) Within the scope of its competence referred to in Paragraph 1, the Committee, in particular:
 - a) ensures inter-ministerial cooperation, discusses the intentions of planning and conceptual documents submitted by ministries and other administrative authorities and recommends their discussion in the National Security Council,
 - b) examines and discusses documents on the basis of resolutions of the National Security Council,
 - c) discusses the evaluation of inter-ministerial comment procedures on documents related to the Committee's competence and recommends their discussion by the National Security Council,
 - d) assesses, discusses and coordinates the basic focus of the activities of the Czech Republic's representatives in the EU, NATO and other international organisations, establishes and develops cooperation with international entities,
 - e) develops and discusses its own documents.

- (3) The Committee works on the basis of the Committee's Work Plan for the calendar year, which is based on the National Security Council's Work Plan for the calendar year.

Article 3

Composition of the Committee

- (1) The Committee has 21 members.
- (2) The Committee is chaired by the Minister of the Interior. The Executive Vice Chairman of the Committee is a representative of the Minister of the Interior.
- (3) The other members of the Committee are:
- a) representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
 - b) representative of the Ministry of Defence,
 - c) representative of the Ministry of Finance,
 - d) representative of the Ministry of Health,
 - e) representative of the Ministry of Justice,
 - f) representative of the Ministry of Transport,
 - g) representative of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs,
 - h) Deputy Director of the Information Security Service,
 - i) Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Relations and Information,
 - j) Deputy Director of Military Intelligence,
 - k) representative of the Office of the President of the Republic,
 - l) Deputy Attorney General,
 - m) Director of the National Security Office,
 - n) Director of the National Office for Cyber and Information Security
 - o) Director General of the Directorate General of Customs,
 - p) Director General of the Prison Service,
 - q) Police President,
 - r) Director General of the Fire Rescue Service,
 - s) Director of the Secretariat of the National Security Council.
- (4) The members of the Committee attend all the meetings. In order to ensure permanent representation, a member of the Committee appoints a permanent alternate who attends Committee meetings in the absence of the Committee member with all the rights and obligations of a Committee member. A written notification of the appointment of the permanent alternate, bearing an electronic signature, will be sent by the members to the Chairman of the Committee by email or data message.

- (5) In exceptional cases where neither the Committee member nor his/her permanent alternate can attend the meeting, another alternate Committee member may be delegated to attend the meeting, who must provide written authorisation from the Committee member and attends the meeting with all the rights and obligations of a Committee member.
- (6) The member of the Committee referred to in Paragraph 3(a) to (g) is appointed and removed by the relevant minister. The member of the Committee referred to in Paragraph 3(h) to (j) is appointed and removed by the relevant director of the Intelligence Service. The member of the Committee referred to in Paragraph 3(k) is appointed and removed by the Head of the Office of the President of the Republic. The persons referred to in Paragraph 3(m) to (s) are the members of the Committee for the duration of their respective functions. The member of the Committee referred to in Paragraph 3(l) is appointed and removed by the Attorney General. Changes to the members of the Committee and their permanent representatives are notified in writing by the entities represented in the Committee to the Chairman of the Committee without undue delay.
- (7) The members of the Committee shall meet the conditions for access to classified information of the classification level Confidential or higher pursuant to Article 11 of Act No 412/2005 Coll., on the Protection of Classified Information and Security Eligibility, as amended.

Article 4

Working Bodies of the Committee

- (1) The Committee may set up expert working groups and appoint their heads from among its members, representatives of the relevant ministries and other administrative authorities and invited experts to discuss substantive issues.
- (2) The heads of the expert working groups chair their meetings and submit the documents prepared therein for consideration at the Committee meeting.

Article 5

Committee Secretariat

- (1) The function of the Committee Secretariat, which ensures the Committee's activities, is performed by the Security Policy Division of the Ministry of the Interior.
- (2) The Committee Secretariat continuously monitors the implementation of the Committee's Work Plan for the calendar year and submits a report on the results to the Committee once a year.

Article 6

External Cooperation

The Committee may invite the representatives of the ministries and other administrative authorities who are not members of the Committee, or other experts, to its meetings as necessary. The decision to invite such persons is made by the Chairman of the Committee.

Article 7

Rights and Obligations of the Members of the Committee

- (1) The Chairman of the Committee has all the rights of the members of the Committee and has also the right to:
 - a) convene a Committee meeting at both regular and extraordinary time,
 - b) monitor the implementation of the Committee's resolutions.

- (2) In particular, the members of the Committee have the right to:
 - a) request from state bodies, ministries and other administrative authorities the necessary supporting documents or data related to the issue presented, consult and discuss the content of the documents with the relevant officials,
 - b) ask questions to other members of the Committee, expert working groups and persons invited to a Committee meeting under Article 6,
 - c) make suggestions for the refinement or modification of the documents submitted,
 - d) request the Chairman of the Committee to convene an extraordinary Committee meeting or to supplement the agenda to discuss urgent matters or oral information,
 - e) propose suggestions for the Committee's Work Plan for the calendar year.

- (3) If a member of the Committee is unable to attend the Committee meeting for serious reasons, he/she has the right to communicate his/her comments on the documents under discussion to the Chairman of the Committee or to have them communicated at the Committee meeting by an authorised official of his/her office, respecting the provisions on representation set out in Article 3, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of these Statutes.

- (4) In particular, the Chairman and the members of the Committee shall:
 - a) abide by the resolutions of the Committee,
 - b) attend Committee meetings in person, or be represented, as appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of these Statutes,
 - c) study and examine, within their competence, the documents submitted at the Committee meeting, comment on the documents discussed and to give its opinion on them as appropriate.

- 5) The members of the Committee are further obliged to:
 - a) inform his/her superior of the conclusions of the Committee meeting,
 - b) ensure monitoring of the implementation of the Committee's resolutions, submit to the Committee information on the tasks assigned to them. The information is generally submitted every six months until the resolution is fulfilled.

Article 8
Rules of Procedure of the Committee

- (1) The meetings of the Committee and the manner of preparation and submission of documents are governed by the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.
- (2) The Rules of Procedure of the Committee and amendments and additions thereto are approved by the National Security Council.
- (3) The Rules of Procedure of the Committee shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the meetings of the expert working groups.

Article 9
Final Provisions

- (1) Amendments and additions to these Statutes 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.
- (3) These Statutes take effect on the date of approval by the Government.