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## **Statutes of the National Security Council**

### **Article 1 Introductory Provisions**

- (1) The National Security Council (hereinafter referred to as the “NSC”) is a standing working body of the Government of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the “Government”) in the field of security issues.
- (2) The NSC was established by Article 9 of Constitutional Act No. 110/1998 Coll., on the Security of the Czech Republic.
- (3) The basic task of the NSC is to participate in the creation of a reliable security system of the state, to ensure coordination and monitoring of measures to ensure the security of the Czech Republic and international commitments.

### **Article 2 Scope of the NSC**

- (1) The NSC coordinates and evaluates the security of the Czech Republic and prepares draft measures for the Government to ensure it.
- (2) In particular, the NSC
  - a) ensures inter-ministerial coordination of planning, preparatory and implementation measures in the field of ensuring the security of the Czech Republic,
  - b) assesses intentions for planning, conceptual, preparatory and implementation measures in the field of ensuring the security of the Czech Republic submitted by ministries and other administrative authorities, NSC standing working committees and local government authorities,
  - c) evaluates the risks to the state which may cause a crisis situation and makes or submits proposals to the Government on the necessary measures to reduce or eliminate these risks,
  - d) assesses the aggregate requirements of ministries and other administrative authorities applied in the context of ensuring the security of the Czech Republic,
  - e) coordinates the preparation of conceptual documents of an inter-ministerial nature necessary for ensuring the security of the Czech Republic,
  - f) assesses and subsequently submits to the Government for discussion regular reports on the state of security of the Czech Republic with proposals for measures,

- g) cooperates with regional security councils in the area of ensuring the security of the Czech Republic,
- h) assesses and subsequently submits to the Government for discussion proposals for the Czech Republic's involvement in the organisation of humanitarian aid abroad and in the Czech Republic's involvement in large-scale rescue operations abroad,
- i) when a crisis situation threatens and after the declaration of a state of emergency, a state of national emergency or a state of war
  - ia) assesses the emerged security situation of the state and the extent of the possible threat,
  - ib) submits proposals to the Government for measures to address the crisis situation,
  - ic) coordinates activities in the field of security of the Czech Republic.

### **Article 3 Composition of the NSC**

- (1) The NSC has 9 members.
- (2) The Chairman of the NSC is the Prime Minister.
- (3) The Deputy Chairman of the NSC is the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior.
- (4) The other members of the NSC are
  - a) the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Labour and Social Affairs,
  - b) the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Health,
  - c) the Minister of Defence,
  - d) the Minister of Foreign Affairs,
  - e) the Minister of Finance,
  - f) the Minister of Industry and Trade,
  - g) the Minister of Transport.
- 5) The President of the Republic has the right to attend NSC meetings.
- 6) The NSC Secretary is the National Security Adviser, who regularly attends NSC meetings.

### **Article 4 NSC Chairman**

The NSC meeting is convened by the NSC Chairman. In his/her absence, the NSC meeting is convened by the NSC Deputy Chairman or a designated NSC member. The NSC meets regularly, but at least once every three months, or as required.

### **Article 5 NSC Bureau**

- (1) The NSC Bureau is composed of the NSC Chairman, the First Deputy Prime Minister and the Ministers of the Interior, Defence and Foreign Affairs. The meetings of the NSC Bureau are attended by the NSC Secretary and the Director of the NSC Secretariat.
- (2) Membership of the NSC Bureau is irreplaceable.
- (3) Meetings of the NSC Bureau are convened by the NSC Chairman and, in his/her absence, by the NSC Deputy Chairman. Meetings of the NSC Bureau are held as required.
- (4) At its meetings, the NSC Bureau considers in particular the current security situation in the world and in the Czech Republic.
- (5) In the absence of the NSC Chairman, the NSC Deputy Chairman or a member of the NSC Bureau authorised by the NSC Chairman chairs the activities and meetings of the NSC Bureau.
- (6) The meetings of the NSC Bureau are adequately governed by the NSC Rules of Procedure.

#### **Article 6 NSC Members**

NSC Members attend all NSC meetings, but only in exceptional cases and with the agreement of the NSC Chairman may they be represented by an authorised representative of their office. The authorised representative of a NSC member must meet the conditions for access to classified information of the Secret or higher classification and to North Atlantic Treaty Organisation classified information of the NATO SECRET or higher classification pursuant to Act No. 412/2005 Coll., on the Protection of Classified Information and Security Eligibility, as amended.

#### **Article 7 NSC Working Bodies**

- 1) There are six NSC standing working committees within the NSC, namely
  - a) Committee for the Coordination of Foreign Security Policy (under the responsibility of the Minister for Foreign Affairs),
  - b) Defence Planning Committee (under the responsibility of the Minister of Defence),
  - c) Internal Security Committee (under the responsibility of the Minister of the Interior),
  - d) Civil Emergency Planning Committee (under the responsibility of the Minister of the Interior),
  - e) Intelligence Activity Committee (under the responsibility of the Prime Minister),
  - f) Cyber Security Committee (under the responsibility of the Prime Minister).
- 2) The statutes of the NSC standing working committees are approved by the Government.

#### **Article 8 Expert Working Groups**

- (1) The NSC may establish and dissolve expert working groups, as necessary, usually at the suggestion of NSC members, and they are usually headed by a NSC member.
- (2) The expert working groups deal with sub-issues in the field of NSC competence, in particular preparing documents for NSC meetings. They do not have their own statutes or rules of procedure.

### **Article 9 External Cooperation and Tasking**

- (1) The President of the Republic has the right to request reports from the NSC and its members and to discuss with the NSC or its members issues falling within their competence.
- (2) The NSC may invite to its meetings, as appropriate, the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies and the President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, ministers and heads of other administrative authorities who are not members of the NSC, and representatives of local government authorities, or other experts.
- (3) In the area of ensuring the security of the Czech Republic, the NSC may request information and analyses from all ministers and heads of other administrative authorities and impose on them tasks related to ensuring the security of the Czech Republic.

### **Article 10 NSC Secretariat**

- (1) The activities of the NSC are ensured by the NSC Secretariat, which is an independent organisational unit of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic.
- 2) The NSC Secretariat, in particular,
  - a) provides administrative and organisational support for the NSC activities,
  - b) monitors and evaluates the implementation of the conclusions of the NSC meetings,
  - c) in cooperation with the NSC members, draws up the NSC work plan for the calendar year in accordance with the Government work plan and submits it to the NSC for approval through the NSC Chairman,
  - d) arranges for the persons referred to in Article 9(2) to be invited to the NSC meeting,
  - e) organises working meetings with the responsible staff of the ministries designated to cooperate with the NSC Secretariat,
  - f) is responsible for ensuring that the NSC meetings and working meetings at which classified information is discussed are held only in compliance with all the administrative and physical security conditions laid down in Act No. 412/2005 Coll., on the Protection of Classified Information and on Security Eligibility, as amended, and that they are attended only by persons authorised under that Act to have access to the highest classification level of the classified information to be discussed at the NSC meeting or working meeting,

- g) in cooperation with the NSC members, informs the Prime Minister and the NSC about the emergence of a crisis situation and its further course,
  - h) collects documents and information and prepares documents necessary for the NSC activities,
  - i) keeps records of the NSC resolutions and written and audio recordings of NSC meetings,
  - j) updates information about the NSC and its members published on the Internet.
- 3) The Director of the Secretariat, who is the head of the department of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article, is responsible for the performance of the tasks of the NSC Secretariat and directs its activities. The Director of the NSC Secretariat cooperates with the NSC Secretary in the performance of the tasks referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Article.

### **Article 11 Rules of Procedure**

The Rules of Procedure are the internal rules of the NSC and the NSC standing working committees. The rules of procedure of the NSC and of the NSC standing working committees and amendments and additions thereto are approved by the NSC.

### **Article 12 Final Provisions**

- (1) Amendments and additions to the NSC 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. The full text is published on the website.
- (3) These Statutes shall take effect on the date of approval by the Government.