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TREATY¹ ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND THE CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC

The Kingdom of Spain and the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic,

Inspired by the profound feelings of friendship and mutual respect between their peoples,

Firmly resolved to contribute to the establishment of a more just, humane, peaceful and democratic international order,

Recognizing their responsibility for the maintenance of peace in Europe and the world, and determined to uphold the purposes and abide by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Confirming the commitments that they assumed within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe² (CSCE) and recognizing the importance of the decisions adopted in the Charter of Paris for a New Europe of 21 November 1990,³

Committed to contributing in every possible way to the development of the CSCE process as a key factor in the peaceful development of Europe,

Convinced of the need to overcome, once and for all, the division of Europe, in particular through the establishment of security and cooperation mechanisms throughout the European continent, and aware of their shared responsibility in this undertaking,

Reaffirming the importance of developing cooperation between the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic and the European Communities, and expressing their satisfaction that the two Contracting Parties are members of the Council of Europe,

Desiring to develop and deepen mutual cooperation in all fields, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Kingdom of Spain and the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic shall deepen and strengthen their relations of cooperation on the basis of friendship, trust and mutual respect between their peoples.

Article 2

In accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, the Contracting Parties, as friendly States, shall observe the principles of sovereign equality, abstention from

¹ Came into force on 10 December 1982, i.e., thirty days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Prague on 10 November 1992, in accordance with article XXI.

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. XIV (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

³ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session*, document A/45/859, p. 3.

the threat or use of force, the inviolability of borders, the territorial integrity of States and their political independence, the peaceful settlement of disputes, non-interference in internal affairs, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, equality of rights and the right of peoples to self-determination, cooperation among States and fulfilment in good faith of their obligations under international law.

Article 3

In the context of the CSCE process, the Contracting Parties shall foster the general strengthening of democracy, political pluralism, the rule of law and the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall work together to maintain peace and strengthen security in Europe. Within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, they shall strive to increase stability on the European continent, pursue the disarmament process, confidence-building and transparency on the basis of the effective implementation by all States of the principle of sufficiency for defence, bearing in mind all the conditions for security in Europe. They shall support the establishment of such institutional structures or mechanisms as may enhance the effectiveness of the CSCE process and help ensure conditions of genuine security for all European States.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall develop and deepen their relations in the field of defence.

Article 6

In the event that a situation arises which, in the opinion of either Party, might constitute a threat to peace or a breach of peace and heighten international tension, the Contracting Parties shall contact one another without delay through the most appropriate channel in order to exchange views on measures to reduce tension and resolve the situation.

If one Contracting Party considers that its vital security interests are endangered, it may propose to the other Party that consultations be held without delay.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall hold regular consultations at various levels in order to ensure the development of their bilateral relations and harmonize as far as possible their positions on international issues of common interest.

Meetings at the highest political level shall be held as necessary.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs shall meet at least once a year.

Meetings between other members of the Governments shall be held as necessary.

Consultations at the expert level shall be held on a regular basis.

Article 8

The Kingdom of Spain shall support the development of close relations between the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic and the European Communities.