

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Institute of International Relations and

Moscow State Institute of International Relations

on establishment of

Czech – Russian / Russian – Czech Discussion Forum

Recalling complex relations and historical ties as well as friendly and partner relations between Czechia and Russia and acknowledging the current framework of mutual relations, the Czech–Russian Discussion Forum (hereinafter as the “Forum”) will be established. The Forum should create a platform enabling a broad, open and constructive dialogue and extensive people-to-people contacts in the sphere of bilateral relations, current issues of mutual interest, foreign policy and international relations.

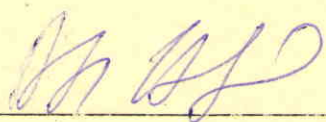
The Institute of International Relations will be the coordinating body on the Czech side, and Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) on the Russian side. Their respective representatives will be responsible for convening the Forum at least once a year.

Coordinating bodies will agree on two main topics (one from each side) for every annual meeting of the Forum. Sides should prevent politicization of the discussed topics. The selected topics could be accompanied by short discussion papers, which would be distributed to the participants in advance and could be made public upon the consent of both sides. Coordinating bodies should agree on equal and appropriate number of participants who should be invited on an annual basis according to the topics for the discussion. The working language of the meetings should be Czech and Russian or English upon consent of both sides. Former Czech Ambassadors to the Russian Federation and Russian Ambassadors to the Czech Republic have the right to participate in the Forum discussions.

Coordinating bodies will host annual meetings. The hosting institution will cover organizational costs and the partner institution should finance the travel and accommodation expenses of participants from their country.

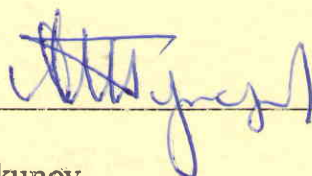
Signed in Moscow on the 22th November 2017

On behalf of Institute of International Relations



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