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The Czech Republic and Slovenia share a rich historical and cultural heritage going back several hundred years. We have therefore developed a mutual understanding, which is clearly visible in the common business culture focused on reliability, precision and quality. Both our states are proud of their open economies, strong rule of law and fair and competitive markets. The businessmen in both countries provide valuable goods and services with a high level of mutual trust. Czech knowledge and craft in the areas of machinery, automotive or sophisticated technologies have been famous in Slovenia for more than a century. There is therefore great potential in collaboration in the fields of nanotechnology, advanced solutions, smart cities or IT applications and other areas with high value added. There have been several very successful Czech investments in Slovenia, for instance Litostroji Power or Radenska, which proved that the Czech investors are interested in developing their assets in this country, and have what it takes to succeed on the local market. There is also considerable potential with regard to defence and security cooperation between our two nations.

Both the Czech Republic and Slovenia are also attractive tourist destinations with historical capitals, beautiful regions and natural parks, well-preserved traditions and customs and some remarkable gastronomy and wine. We should cooperate to inform the world about our natural and cultural heritage. The number of tourist visits to the Czech Republic grows every year, and I am pleased that the people in Slovenia are discovering the whole range of Czech beauty, which reaches far beyond our great capital.



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