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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8242. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION. SIGNED AT MOSCOW, ON 23 APRIL 1966

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic,

Acting in accordance with the principles of the Treaty of Friendship, Mutual Assistance and Post-War Co-operation between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Czechoslovak Republic of 12 December 1943,² and of the Protocol of 27 November 1963³ renewing that Treaty, and endeavouring further to develop and to strengthen friendship and fraternal relations between the Soviet and Czechoslovak peoples, based on the principles of socialist internationalism,

Guided by the fundamental interests of the building of socialism and communism in the two countries and the strengthening of ideological unity on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, and being convinced that cultural and scientific ties serve those interests and play an important part in the mutual enrichment of national cultures,

Having regard to the results of the long-standing cultural and scientific ties between the two countries and guided by the success achieved in applying the Agreement of 1 June 1956⁴ between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Czechoslovak Republic concerning cultural co-operation,

Wishing to continue in the future to devote unfailing attention to the development of cultural and scientific co-operation in all fields between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic,

Have decided to conclude this Agreement on cultural and scientific co-operation and, for that purpose, have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics :

Sergei Kalistratovich Romanovsky, Chairman of the Committee on Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries of the Council of Ministers of the USSR;

¹ Came into force on 23 April 1966, upon signature, in accordance with article 22.

² *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 145, p. 238.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 496, p. 161.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 259, p. 341.

The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic :

Jiří Hájek, Minister of Education and Culture,

who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall take all possible steps to promote the further development of co-operation and exchange of experience in the spheres of education, science, literature and art, the cinema, the Press, radio and television and also in the spheres of public health, physical culture and sport.

Article 2

Each Contracting Party shall systematically acquaint the working people of its own country with socialist and communist instruction in the other country, with the political, economic and cultural life of its peoples and also with the practical aspects and results of co-operation between the two countries. The competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties shall ensure that information activities are duly effective.

Article 3

Each Contracting Party shall :

Promote the implementation of a broad programme of co-operation and exchange of experience in the spheres of general education, of vocational and technical, specialized-secondary and higher education, and of teaching and educational work,

Ensure that appropriate information on the other country is included in its school curricula, textbooks and teaching aids, and also ensure co-operation in their preparation,

Encourage the teaching of the languages, history, economy, law, geography, art and literature of the peoples of the other country.

Article 4

Each Contracting Party shall provide opportunities for nationals of the other Contracting Party to train and improve their qualifications at its educational establishments and scientific-research institutes and shall also recognize certificates and diplomas of graduation from the educational establishments of the other Contracting Party.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall promote the further development of scientific co-operation between the Academies of Sciences, scientific institutions, higher educational establishments and other interested organizations of the two countries by exchanging experience and scientific data and developing joint projects by scientists, based on the principles of co-operation, division of labour and co-ordination of research on subjects of mutual interest.

The Contracting Parties shall devote special attention to scientific problems that are of crucial importance to the development of the national economy of the two countries, to the determination of long-term needs in the fields of social and scientific development and to the development of co-operation between scholars of the two countries specializing in the economy, history, law, languages and art of the peoples of the other country.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall promote the establishment of contacts and co-operation between institutions and specialists dealing with questions of medicine and public health, in accordance with the Convention of 4 December 1957¹ between the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic concerning co-operation in matters of health.

Article 7

Each Contracting Party shall promote :

The comprehensive development of creative co-operation in the fields of literature and art and the expansion and strengthening of ties between associations of creative workers in the two countries;

The production, performance, display and popularization of the artistic and literary works of the other Contracting Party;

Co-operation between concert agencies and the exchange of groups of performing artists and of individual artists and performers.

Article 8

Each Contracting Party shall promote :

The translation, publication and distribution of books and other works by authors of the other country;

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 313, p. 291.