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**CZECHOSLOVAKIA
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Agreement on co-operation in the field of communications.
Signed at Prague, on 23 November 1967**

Official texts : Czech and Russian.

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**TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE
et
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES SOVIÉTIQUES**

**Accord relatif à la coopération dans le domaine des postes et
télécommunications. Signé à Prague, le 23 novembre 1967**

Textes officiels tchèque et russe.

Enregistré par la Tchécoslovaquie le 4 septembre 1968.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 9224. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS. SIGNED AT PRAGUE, ON 23 NOVEMBER 1967

The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, desiring to expand and strengthen co-operation in the field of communications between the two Contracting Parties, have decided to conclude this Agreement :

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Article 1

With a view to improving the quality of communications services operating between the two countries, the communications administrations of the Contracting Parties shall take all necessary steps to ensure that those services are maintained at an appropriate technical level and that they operate without interruption.

Article 2

The communications administrations of the Contracting Parties shall, where necessary, increase the number of telephone, telegraph, radio and television channels between the two countries. The time-limits for the execution of specific measures shall be agreed upon by the communications administrations of the Contracting Parties.

Article 3

Telephone and telegraph operations, phototelegraphic services and the leasing of radio, television and other channels shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention and of other Acts of the International Telecommunication Union which are binding on the Contracting Parties.

¹ Entry into force on 23 November 1967 by signature, in accordance with article 17 (1).

Article 4

The rates for telecommunication services shall be fixed in accordance with the provisions of the international telegraph, telephone and Telex regulations and of other Acts of the International Telecommunications Union, taking account, where appropriate, of decisions adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Organization for Co-operation between Socialist Countries in the Field of Communications which are binding on the Contracting Parties.

Article 5

The communications administrations of the Contracting Parties shall co-operate to the greatest possible extent in the transit through their territory of telegrams, telephone calls and radio and television broadcasts destined for or originating in a third country.

POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS

Article 6

The communications administrations of the Contracting Parties shall direct their efforts towards expanding postal communications, expediting the conveyance of mails and simplifying the regulations governing the exchange of postal correspondence between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Article 7

Postal rates shall be fixed in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of the Universal Postal Union, taking account, where appropriate, of decisions adopted by the Conferences of Ministers of the Organization for Co-operation between Socialist Countries in the Field of Communications which are binding on the Contracting Parties.

Article 8

In the exchange of air-mail correspondence and air-mail parcels between the two countries, domestic air transport shall be provided free of charge.

Article 9

1. The communications administrations of the Contracting Parties shall permit special letter-post mails to be made up for purposes of communication between the central authorities of one Contracting Party and embassies, consular offices and trade delegations of that Contracting Party in the territory of the other Contracting Party.