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**EUROPEAN UNION, BELGIUM, DENMARK,
FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, IRELAND,
ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS,
PORTUGAL, SPAIN,
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND CZECH REPUBLIC**

**Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the
European Communities and their member States, of the
one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part (with
annexes, protocols and final act). Concluded at Luxem-
bourg on 4 October 1993**

*Authentic texts: Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish,
Greek, Portuguese and Czech.¹*

Registered by the European Union on 29 June 1995.

¹ Only the English and French texts are published herein.

EUROPE AGREEMENT¹ ESTABLISHING AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THEIR MEMBER STATES, OF THE ONE PART, AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC, OF THE OTHER PART

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

IRELAND,

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1995, i.e., the first day of the second month following the date on which the Contracting Parties had notified each other that it had been approved pursuant to their own procedures, in accordance with article 123:

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the notification</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the notification</i>
Belgium	1 December 1994	Italy	25 November 1994
Czech Republic	7 February 1994	Luxembourg	7 December 1994
Denmark	27 December 1993	Netherlands	18 July 1994
European Union	21 December 1994	Portugal	25 November 1994
France	6 September 1994	Spain	22 November 1994
Germany	22 November 1994	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	28 March 1994
Greece	6 December 1994		
Ireland	23 June 1994		

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

Contracting Parties to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,¹ the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community² and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,³

hereinafter referred to as "Member States", and

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY, hereinafter referred to as "the Community",

of the one part, AND

THE CZECH REPUBLIC,

of the other part,

CONSIDERING the importance of the links existing between the Community, its Member States and the Czech Republic and the common values that they share;

RECOGNIZING that the Community and the Czech Republic wish to strengthen these links and to establish close and lasting relations, based on reciprocity, which would allow the Czech Republic to take part in the process of European integration, thus strengthening and widening the relations established in the past notably by the Agreement on Trade and Commercial and Economic Co-operation, signed between the Community and the Czech

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 298, p. 3 (English translation); vol. 294, p. 3 (authentic French text); vol. 295, p. 2 (authentic German text); vol. 296, p. 2 (authentic Italian text); vol. 297, p. 2 (authentic Dutch text); vol. 1376, p. 138 (authentic Danish text); vol. 1377, p. 6 (authentic English text); vol. 1378, p. 6 (authentic Irish text); vol. 1383, p. 146 (authentic Greek text); vol. 1452, p. 306 (authentic Portuguese text); and vol. 1453, p. 332 (authentic Spanish text).

² *Ibid.*, vol. 261, p. 140.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 298, p. 167 (English translation); vol. 294, p. 259 (authentic French text); vol. 295, p. 259 (authentic German text); vol. 296, p. 259 (authentic Italian text); vol. 297, p. 259 (authentic Dutch text); vol. 1376, p. 138 (authentic Danish text); vol. 1377, p. 6 (authentic English text); vol. 1378, p. 6 (authentic Irish text); vol. 1383, p. 146 (authentic Greek text); vol. 1452, p. 306 (authentic Portuguese text); and vol. 1453, p. 332 (authentic Spanish text).

and Slovak Federal Republic on 7 May 1990,¹ and by the Interim Agreement between the Community and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic which entered into force on 1 March 1992;

RECOGNIZING that the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic as of 1 January 1993 prior to the entry into force of the Europe Agreement signed between the Community and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic on 16 December 1991 has made it necessary to conclude separate Europe Agreements with each of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic;

CONSIDERING the opportunities for a relationship of a new quality offered by the emergence of a new democracy in the Czech Republic;

CONSIDERING the commitment of the Community and its Member States and of the Czech Republic to strengthening the political and economic freedoms which constitute the very basis of the Association;

RECOGNIZING the establishment in the Czech Republic of a new political order which respects the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, and operates a multi-party system with free and democratic elections;

ACKNOWLEDGING the readiness of the Community to contribute to the strengthening of this new democratic order as well as to support the creation in the Czech Republic of a new economic order founded upon the principles of a free market economy;

CONSIDERING the firm commitment of the Community and its Member States and of the Czech Republic to the full implementation of all principles and provisions contained in particular in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe

¹ Registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 15 January 1997 under No. I-33251.

(CSCE),¹ the concluding documents of Vienna² and Madrid³ and the Charter of Paris⁴ for a new Europe;

CONSCIOUS of the importance of the Europe Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement", to establishing in Europe a system of stability based on co-operation, with the Community as one of the cornerstones;

BELIEVING that a link should be made between full implementation of association on the one hand, and the actual accomplishment of the Czech Republic's political, economic, and legal reforms on the other hand, as well as the introduction of the factors necessary for co-operation and the rapprochement between the parties' systems, notably in the light of the conclusions of the CSCE Bonn Conference;⁵

DESIROUS of establishing regular political dialogue on bilateral and international issues of mutual interest;

TAKING ACCOUNT of the Community's willingness to provide decisive support for the implementation of reform and to help the Czech Republic cope with the economic and social consequences of structural readjustment;

TAKING ACCOUNT furthermore of the Community's willingness to set up instruments of co-operation and economic, technical and financial assistance on a global and multiannual basis;

CONSIDERING the commitment of the Community and the Czech Republic to free trade, and in particular to compliance with the rights and obligations arising out of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;⁶

BEARING IN MIND the economic and social disparities between the Community and the Czech Republic and thus recognizing that the objectives of this Association should be reached through appropriate provisions of this Agreement;

¹ *International Legal Materials*, vol. XIV (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

² *Ibid.*, vol. XXVIII (1989), p. 527 (American Society of International Law).

³ *Ibid.*, vol. XXII (1983), p. 1395 (American Society of International Law).

⁴ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session*, document A/45/859.

⁵ *International Legal Materials*, vol. XXIX, No. 4 (1990), p. 1054 (American Society of International Law).

⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.