

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Based on friendly and good-neighborly relations between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland,

Acknowledging commonly shared values and historical traditions of both our nations,

Taking into account a broad scale of Czech – Polish initiatives and projects at all levels,

Aiming at further deepening of bilateral relations between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland,

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland have agreed to establish the Czech - Polish Forum, whose task is to support already existing common bilateral projects as well as to initiate new activities in various fields such as politics, culture, art, science, research, education, youth exchange, cross-border cooperation, media, economy, etc.

Each Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be responsible for arrangements of its own functional structures of the Forum that will operate in parallel on the respective country's territory. Both Ministries consider it important to ensure close cooperation and interconnection of the Czech and Polish parallel structures.

The Forum will be provided with an equivalent of 200.000 EURO on both sides and shall operate for the initial period of two years. After this period a common in-depth evaluation of results of the Forum activities will be undertaken and an appropriate decision concerning a future structure, functioning and financing of the Forum will be made.

Signed in Prague on November 14, 2008



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