

**AGREEMENT 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, and of the Protocol of 27 November 1963 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 1956 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 cooperation 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;

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 1957 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;

Exchanges of experience and Press material by the editorial offices of newspapers and periodicals and by the Press agencies of the two countries;

Activities by accredited correspondents and by journalists sent by the other country.

Article 9

Each Contracting Party shall promote the exhibition, distribution and popularization of the cinematographic films of the other Contracting Party, and the joint production of films and co-operation in matters relating to their manufacture.

Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall promote:

The exchange and wide distribution of radio and television programmes, musical recordings and television films and newsreels;

Co-operation in the production of joint radio and television programmes and of television films.

Article 11

The Contracting Parties shall promote the development of co-operation in the field of physical culture and sport by organizing sports matches, contests and meetings and by exchanging experience concerning methods and organization.

Article 12

The Contracting Parties shall promote:

The joint discussion of current problems concerning the development of socialist culture and science;

The exchange of information on the more important conferences, congresses, symposia, parades, contests, premieres, exhibitions and other events in the spheres of culture and science organized in each of the two countries, and the invitation to them of representatives of the other Contracting Party.

Article 13

The Contracting Parties shall promote the expansion and intensification of direct ties between corresponding Soviet and Czechoslovak organizations and institutions co-operating in the cultural and scientific fields.

Article 14

The Contracting Parties shall promote the comprehensive development of personal contacts and exchanges in all fields covered by this Agreement, with or without the transfer of foreign currency, both at the expense of the State and at the personal expense of the participants.

Article 15

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and develop the exchange of periodicals, books, apparatus and materials for scientific research, works of art, films, sound recordings and other cultural and scientific articles and information material.

Article 16

Each Contracting Party shall provide opportunities for citizens of the other Contracting Party to use its archives, libraries, museums and other repositories of cultural and scientific material, in accordance with the legislation of each country.

Article 17

The Contracting Parties shall promote cultural and scientific co-operation between the Soviet-Czechoslovak Friendship Society and the Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship League, between trade unions and youth and women's organizations, and between societies for the dissemination of political and scientific knowledge.

Article 18

The Contracting Parties shall:

Promote the further improvement of comprehensive cultural and scientific co-operation between the socialist countries;

Exchange information on the establishment of cultural and scientific ties with third countries;

Promote joint efforts by national organizations and institutions within the framework of the appropriate international organizations.

Article 19

The Contracting Parties shall systematically raise the level and increase the effectiveness of cultural and scientific co-operation, improve its organization, forms and methods and promote the exchange of views concerning the content of such co-operation, taking into account the historical and national conditions of cultural development of the peoples of the Union of Socialist Republics and of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

Article 20

The Contracting Parties have agreed to hold joint negotiations and consultations at regular intervals for the purpose of agreeing upon and adopting for specific periods of time, plans for cultural and scientific co-operation, appraising their results, considering the progress made in the application of this Agreement and discussing questions concerning the further development and strengthening of cultural and scientific ties between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

The Contracting Parties have agreed that their competent organizations and institutions may, within their respective sphere of competence, approve thematic and working plans and other documents for the application of this Agreement and of plans for cultural and scientific co-operation between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

Article 21

The Contracting Parties have agreed that payments arising out of the application of this Agreement shall be made on the basis of the appropriate payments agreements in effect between the two Contracting Parties and their organizations and institutions. The financial conditions for the measures to be carried out shall also be established in the plans for cultural and scientific co-operation adopted under article 20 of this Agreement.

Article 22

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period. It shall remain in force until one of the Parties gives notice in writing that it wishes to terminate the Agreement. In that event the Agreement shall cease to have effect six months after notice of termination is given.

Article 23

Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, the Agreement of 1 June 1956 between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Czechoslovak Republic concerning cultural co-operation shall cease to have effect.

Agreements, plans and other administrative documents previously approved on the basis of the Agreement of 1 June 1956 concerning cultural co-operation shall remain in effect in so far as they are not at variance with the provisions of this Agreement.

This Agreement was done at Moscow on 23 April 1966 in two copies, each in the Russian and Czech languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:
S. ROMANOVSKY

For the Government
of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic:
J. HÁJEK

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