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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Letter dated 11 July 1990 from the Permanent Representative
of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter addressed to you by Mr. Jiří Dionstbier, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, containing information about some most recent unilateral steps by the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in the field of arms reduction and disarmament, including a report to the United Nations on the country's military spending in 1999, which contains data compiled on the basis of a United Nations methodology in keeping with resolutions 44/114 B and 44/116 E.

I would be most grateful to you if you could have the texts of the present letter and of the enclosed letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 59 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Eduard KUKAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 29 June 1990 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Czechoslovakia addressed to the Secretary-General

During your recent official visit to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic you could personally convince yourself of the fundamental socio-political changes that are taking place in our country. We strive to develop democracy and plurality. Free elections that were held in June 1990 have secured the continuity of this process.

The changes mentioned are also creating room for Czechoslovakia's independent foreign policy. In this connection, we attach considerable hopes to the United Nations, where we intend to assist actively in the solution of the most pressing problems of the world. At the same time, we devote increased attention to the European continent, in the heart of which our country is located. Our primary goal is the strengthening of confidence, security and stability in Europe. Its attainment, in our view, is only possible on a bloc-free basis. In these days we have therefore, jointly with the Polish Republic and the German Democratic Republic, submitted a joint proposal for the institutionalization of the CSCE process.

We are resolutely in favour of the adoption of concrete steps aimed at curbing armaments and at disarmament. In this context I wish to express our firm hope that already this year an important agreement will be signed at the Vienna talks on conventional disarmament in Europe, which - as we firmly believe - will radically reduce the risk of military confrontation.

In keeping with its new foreign policy, the CSFR is unilaterally cutting its armed forces and armaments. In the spirit of the emerging strictly defensive military doctrine it is carrying out far-reaching restrictive organizational changes in its armed forces. Defence expenditures are beginning to be cut. Last year they amounted to 35 billion 62 million Czechoslovak koruny. For this year the amount of 31 billion 180 million koruny is planned. By decision of the Federal Government of the CSFR of April 1990, military production in a number of important enterprises is being terminated. In that way we have launched the conversion of military production to civilian production. The resources gained from the initiated disarmament and the scientific and human potential released we intend to use effectively and meaningfully for the development of the Czechoslovak economy, without overlooking the social aspects in that process.

The actual purpose of this letter is to inform you of the decision of the State Defence Council of the CSFR of 22 May by which the data relating to the whole spectrum of Czechoslovak military expenditures are declassified. On this basis, in keeping with General Assembly resolution 44/114 B and following up on the reply by the CSFR to resolution 44/116 E, "Objective information on military matters", we forward, through your mediation, a report to the United Nations on military expenditures of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, which formerly were considered confidential. The submitted data are drawn up according to United

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Nations methodology and reflect the situation for the budgetary year 1989. This information will also be provided to the United Nations in future years.

We are thus meeting the justified requirement by the international community, which strives to achieve greater openness and transparency in the military policies of States and thus to strengthen international confidence and security.

(Signed) Jiri DIENSTBIER

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APPENDIX

Instrument for standardized international reporting
of military expenditures

(Actual outlays, current prices)

Country8 Czechoslovakia

Fiscal year: 1 January to 31 December 1999
day month year/day month year

National currency and unit of measure: korunas (millions)

(The unit of measure should not exceed one ten thousandth of the total
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FORCE GROUPS RESOURCE COSTS	STRATEGIC FORCES	LAND FORCES	NAVAL FORCES	AIR FORCES	OTHER COMBAT FORCES	CENTRAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION AND COMMAND		PARAMI- LITARY FORCES	MILITARY ASSISTANCE			UNDI- STRIBU- TED	TOTAL MILITA- RY EXPE- DITURE (1-12) (13)	CIVI EFENC (14)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	SUPPORT (6)	COMMAND (7)	(8)	HOME TERRI- TORY (9)	BROAD (10)	U/I PEACE KEEPING (11)	(12)		
1. OPERATING COSTS..	-	...	-	...	-	1 046		-	N	132	19 716	405
1.1 PERSONNEL.....	-	6 975	-	1 823	-		289	411		-	N	113	9 611	95
1.1.1 CONSCRIPTS.....	-	1 010	-	340	-		10	63		-			1 423	
1.1.2 OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL, INCL. RESERVES.....	-	4 812	-	1 378	-		244	329				113	6 876	
1.1.3 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.....	-	1 153	-	105	-		35	19					1 312	95
1.2 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.....	-	...	-	...	-	635				19	0 105	310
1.2.1 MATERIALS FOR CURRENT USE.....	-	...	-	...	-	379					4 543	2
1.2.2 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.....	-	2 263	-	752	-	85	65	111				19	3 295	
1.2.3 PURCHASED SERVICES.....	-	...	-	...	-	139					244	3
1.2.4 RENT COSTS.....	-	2	-	-	-	5					7	-
1.2.5 OTHER.....	-	...	-	...	-	1					216	305
2. PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION.....	-	9 908	-	3 S32	-	15	296	238				28	4 017	454
2.1 PROCUREMENT.....	-	8 995	-	3 153	-			57					2 205	266
2.1.1 AIRCRAFT AND ENGINES.....	-	438	-	2 OS8	-								2 496	
2.1.2 MISSILES, INCL. CONVENTIONAL WARHEADS.....	-	460	-	152	-								612	
2.1.3 NUCLEAR WARHEADS AND BOMBS.....	-		-		-				-	-				

FORCE GROUPS RESOURCE COSTS	STRATEGIC FORCES	LAND FORCES	NAVAL FORCES	AIR FORCES	OTHER LAND FORCES	CENTRAL SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION AND COMMAND		PARAMILITARY FORCES	MILITARY ASSISTANCE			UNDIS- TRIBUTED	TOTAL MILITARY EXPE- NDITURE (1-12) (13)	CIVIL DEFENCE (14)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	SUPPORT (6)	COMMAND (7)	(8)	HOME TERRI- TORY (9)	ABROAD (10)	UN PEACE KEEPING (11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
2.1.4 SHIPS AND BOATS.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-
2.1.5 ARMoured VEHICLES.....	-	1 918	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 918	-
2.1.6 ARTILLERY.....	-	135	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	-
2.1.7 OTHER ORDNANCE AND GROUND FORCE WEAPONS.....	-	86	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	86	-
2.1.8 AMMUNITION.....	-	1 569	-	151	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1 721	-
2.1.9 ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS.....	-	1 281	-	38	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	1 328	-
2.1.10 NON- ARMoured VEHICLES.....	-	429	-	66	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	531	-
2.1.11 OTHER.....	-	2 679	-	688	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	3 373	266
2.2 CONSTRUCTION.....	-	913	-	379	-	15	296	181	-	-	-	28	1 812	188
2.2.1 AIR BASES, AIRFIELDS.....	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-
2.2.2 MISSILE SITES.....	-	48	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	-
2.2.3 NAVAL BASES AND FACILITIES.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.4 ELECTRONICS, ETC.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2.5 PERSONNEL FACILITIES.....	-	193	-	25	-	15	32	85	-	-	-	5	355	-
2.2.6 MEDICAL FACILITIES.....	-	18	-	8	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	10	40	-
2.2.7 TRAINING FACILITIES.....	-	104	-	33	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	138	-
2.2.8 WAREHOUSES, DEPOTS ETC.....	-	307	-	135	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	13	461	-

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						SUPPORT	COMMAND		HOME TERRITORY	ABROAD	UN PEACE KEEPING			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
2.2.9 COMMAND AND ADM. FACILITIES...	-	25		16	-		260			-	-		301	
2.2.10 FORTIFICATIONS....	-				-					-	-			-
2.2.11 SHELTERS.....	-				-			3		-	-			188
2.2.12 LAND.....	-				-			86		-	-		371	
2.2.13 OTHER.....	-	218		68	-					-	-			
3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.....	-	1 064		241	-	11	N	13		-	-		1 329	1
3.1 BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH..	-	417		5	-	3	N	1		-	-		426	1
3.2 DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION.....	-	647		236	-	8		12		-	-		903	
4. TOTAL (1+2+3)...	-	-	11 297		-	N	160	35 062	860

Note: Data for Part II not applicable.