

**PROTOCOL**  
**OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE CZECH-ARMENIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL**  
**COMMISSION**  
**ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

**(Prague, May 4, 2023)**

The Sixth Session of the Czech-Armenian Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “Intergovernmental Commission”) was held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Prague, in accordance with the Article 4 of the “*Agreement between the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the Republic of Armenia on Economic and Industrial Cooperation*” signed on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 in Prague.

The Czech delegation was headed by Mr. Edvard Kožušník, Deputy of the Member of the Government of the Czech Republic.

The Armenian delegation was headed by Mr. Narek Teryan, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia.

The members of both delegations are listed in Annexes I and II.

The Sides adopted the Agenda for the Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Commission (Annex III).

The Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Commission was held in the atmosphere of mutual understanding, underlined by the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations and reflecting the desire and determination of both countries to find feasible and efficient solutions for further development and diversification of bilateral relations in different sectors of their economies.

During the Session the following topics were discussed:

**1. POLITICAL DIALOGUE**

Both Sides welcomed the revival of bilateral relations after the Covid-19 pandemic and expressed their readiness to redouble efforts towards enhancing the bilateral cooperation, including within international organizations and fora. The maintenance of the high-level political dialogue has been repeatedly expressed by both Sides as particularly important.

This commitment was once again reiterated by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Republic through numerous contacts at the working level in the framework of the agreed political consultations and especially by the working visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia to the Czech Republic last July.

In light of the current geopolitical situation and regional challenges, the two sides agreed to further enlarge and deepen bilateral and multilateral political dialogue, strengthen inter-parliamentary diplomacy and promote the Armenian-Czech partnership in all areas of common interest.

Both Sides also highly valued cooperation within the Eastern Partnership framework, welcomed and recalled in particular active participation of Armenia in the events organized within the framework of the EU Czech Presidency in the second half of 2022. Both Sides reiterated that the Armenia-EU Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) opens new avenues for streamlining the bilateral interaction.

1.1 The Armenian Side welcomed the Czech support to the ongoing reforms in Armenia and expressed its readiness to discuss the establishment of a joint platform for development of cooperation in the field of democracy, human rights, rule of law, reforms process, good governance and other respective areas. To enhance the political dialogue in areas of mutual interest;

1.2 To further strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation in the trade and the economic development with a special focus to boost the sectorial and decentralized interaction.

## **2. TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

Both Sides presented the trade turnover between the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Republic. Both Sides agreed that the current level of mutual trade and investments does not reflect the potential of the two countries and stated their intention to take the necessary steps to enhance bilateral economic and investment cooperation.

Both Sides reviewed the development of bilateral trade between the two countries and exchanged information regarding statistical data on the volume of bilateral trade, according to the Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia (ARMSTAT) and the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO).

Both Sides noted that the growth of the bilateral trade is one of the important directions of development of bilateral cooperation. The Commission noted that there is significant potential for deepening trade and economic cooperation between the countries in the industrial, agricultural, pharmaceutical, health-technology, information and communication technology, transport, smart cities, infrastructure, energy, tourism and other spheres. In this regard, the Commission welcomed the success of the Eastern Partnership Business Forum: Goeconomic Challenges and Opportunities, a conference organized by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic within the framework of the Czech Presidency of the European Council on October 17 and 18, 2022 and welcomed the participation of the Armenian delegation headed by the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia, Mr. Vahan Kerobyan. It was reminded that the conference was accompanied by an exhibition of Czech companies interested in offering solutions in the area of Smart Cities to the Eastern Partnership countries. These were the following companies:

- Agdata, which provides a digital platform that includes air quality monitoring, weather conditions, telematics and more;
- ASIO, a company involved in the development, production, and delivery of technologies

- for wastewater treatment, water treatment and air treatment;
- CEMENTUM, a producer of sustainable concrete products with an emphasis on design and maximum use of secondary raw materials;
- DEKONTA, an international environmental services and technologies supplier with successful projects in various countries;
- Future Farming, a producer of aquaponics farms and a general supplier of technology and know-how;
- Lifetech, a developer of UVL, UVM, O3, AOP devices for water and air purification;
- LOGIO, a consulting and technology company that has been providing Supply Chain Management services to manufacturing companies and retailers;
- MAVEL, a global manufacturing-engineering company producing turbines, related technologies, and upgrading and rehabilitating the existing hydropower plants;
- Mikroelektronika, a supplier of efficient and customer-friendly ticketing systems for public transport;
- MORAM CZ, a leading supplier of machinery and equipment for telecommunication and electrification work and infrared heaters for asphalt repair and weed control;
- MYCROFT MIND, an AI and software company;
- Škoda Transportation, a world-famous brand whose main products include low-floor trams, trolleybuses, electric locomotives, suburban train units, subways, electric buses and other products;
- VISION CRAFT, a developer of an AI based technology that enables cities and companies to obtain valuable information from moving objects and helps contextualize the situation in the monitored environment.

The Czech Side also noted the business mission of stake-holders in IT and advanced technologies, which attended the aforementioned Eastern Partnership Business Forum, and also held meetings with Czech companies and other stake-holders in the field, namely the company Seznam, the Czech Technical University in Prague and Prusa Research.

Both Sides are ready to strengthen cooperation within the framework of the concluded memoranda on cooperation in the area of standardization, conformity assessment and metrology. They express the interest in specification of closer cooperation in the area of quality infrastructure to facilitate the mutual trade between both countries. The plan of mutual cooperation will be further defined in terms of the interest of both countries and based on the available funding.

In order to support the export of the countries of the European Union, the Sides agreed to prepare and sign a memorandum of Understanding between the Association of Accredited and Authorized Organizations of the Czech Republic (hereafter referred to as AAAO CR) and the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia which will allow for a wide adjustment term of cooperation on European product certification. The draft Memorandum will be prepared by the AAAO CR and sent to the Armenian side for assessment.

In order to ensure the growth of volumes and diversification of the nomenclature of turnover, the Commission considered it expedient to take the necessary measures, including the establishment of

long-term and mutually beneficial relations between interested companies and business circles, as well as the promotion of the activities of enterprises on the territory of both countries.

The Armenian Side provided the Czech Side with the information about Armenia's investment climate and opportunities available for Czech entrepreneurs to set up production in Armenia.

The Armenian Side invites the correspondent Czech organizations to participate to different investment projects, which are adopted in the Armenian Government Program 2021-2026.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to promote and strengthen trade and economic cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Republic, particularly through the creation of joint Armenian-Czech enterprises on the territory of both countries, organizing bilateral trade missions, business fora, as well as through participation in specialized exhibitions and fairs.

Both Sides confirmed mutual interest in the development of bilateral cooperation in the field of SMEs. The Commission discussed the ways of enlargement of the scope of SMEs participation to trade and economic cooperation between two countries.

The Czech Side provided the Armenian Side with the information about the purpose and design of EU restrictive measures and both sides stressed the need for the continuation of the dialogue on this matter;

The Armenian Side informed the Czech Side about the legislative basis of the preventing of such cases.

The Commission recommended both Sides:

- 2.1 Take steps to ensure the growth of bilateral trade, which is one of the important directions of development of bilateral cooperation;
- 2.2 Exchange the lists of potential export-oriented products on permanent basis twice per year, starting from June 30, 2023;
- 2.3 Exchange information on investment projects of both countries;
- 2.4 Both Sides exchange experience in the field of SMEs policy making;
- 2.5 Both Sides take steps to strengthen SME capacities to improve their competitiveness in domestic, regional and global markets.
- 2.6 Take measures to organize bilateral trade missions, business fora, as well as through participation in specialized exhibitions and fairs with the engagement of the representatives of private sectors of the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Republic
- 2.7 To start negotiations on possibility of signing MoU between the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia and AAAO CR.

### **3. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY AND WATER SUPPLY**

#### **Cooperation in the field of energy**

Both Sides noted active and successful mutual cooperation in the field of nuclear energy. Taking into account the Czech experience in radioactive waste management, the Armenian Side proposed to extend cooperation in this sphere.

Both Sides also reiterated their interest for development of cooperation in the other spheres of the energy sector: In this regard, the Armenian Side proposed to consider the participation of Czech companies in the tenders within the framework of life time extension project of the operating unit 2 of ANPP. The announcements for tender will be available on the official websites of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia ([www.mtad.am](http://www.mtad.am)) and the Armenian Nuclear Power Plant ([www.anpp.am](http://www.anpp.am)).

The Czech Side would like to inform the Armenian Side about interests of company Bria Systems s.r.o. in building up cooperation with Armenian partners in the area of nuclear energy infrastructure security.

The Czech Side offered to share information about Czech companies working in the field of nuclear, renewable and traditional energy infrastructure industries interested in finding new venues for cooperation in Armenia.

#### **Cooperation in the field of water supply**

Both Sides discussed and agreed to develop the cooperation in the fields of management of irrigation and drinking water supply systems (automatic operation systems, modern water supply technologies, modern monitoring systems: SCADA systems, orthophoto, alternative energy use in pumping stations).

#### **4. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY**

Both Sides confirmed mutual interest in the development of bilateral cooperation in the field of industry and agreed on the extension of bilateral cooperation between the industrial enterprises of the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Republic, introduction of the new technologies, creation of the joint ventures in the industrial sphere, as well as to establish direct contacts between business entities of the two countries.

In this context, Sides emphasized the possibility of extending the cooperation in attracting and encouraging investments in this area, and proposed the following:

1. to promote the industrial parks projects in the regions of the Republic of Armenia, in order to attract economic agents in the Czech Republic, as investors/residents of these parks;
2. to take steps in creation of an attractive environment for developing partnerships between entrepreneurs from both countries.

Both Sides reviewed the state of cooperation in the industrial sector and noted that it is essential to provide comprehensive assistance to industrial companies of both countries in order to expand the capabilities of the industrial sector.

The Czech Side also expressed interest in the mutual cooperation on innovative technologies in the

field of waste management and water treatment. The Czech Side informed about planned business mission to Armenia in both aforementioned sector that should take place in the second half of 2023.

The Armenian Side informed the Czech Side about perspectives of establishing joint enterprises in Armenia in the following sectors: engineering, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, extractive industries, building materials, environmental technologies, light industry, pharmaceutical, machinery, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, green-houses, food processing.

The Czech Side notes the positive development of the Stepanavan project of the Czech company Balus Tech, which is engaged in research in the field of aeronautical technologies, education, consulting and support of holding companies in general, and in development of the local airport and construction of aeronautical technology in Stepanavan in particular.

The Czech Side offered to share information about Czech companies working in the field of transport and logistics infrastructure industries interested in finding new venues for cooperation in Armenia.

The Czech Side offered to share information about Czech companies working in the field of mining industries interested in finding new venues for cooperation in Armenia.

The Czech Side offered to share information about the Czech companies working in the field of waste management industries interested in finding new venues for cooperation in Armenia.

**The Commission recommended both Sides:**

4.1 Exchange information on ongoing industrial initiatives of both countries and spread it among interested companies.

4.2 Take steps to assist the companies of both countries to participate in different industrial joint projects.

4.3 Take measures to organize bilateral trade missions and business fora.

**5. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF FINANCE**

Since 2007, the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic has been implementing the Technical Cooperation Project (TCP) focused on cooperation with partners' governmental departments concerning the financial and economic transformation. At the request of partners, the Ministry of Finance organizes consultations, seminars and workshops on a wide scope of public finance issues. The Ministry of Finance has already had a fruitful cooperation with the partners in Armenia (within the TCP) and is ready to offer another consultations or study visits focused on a wide range of public finance topics. The specific focus of the program and its form (study visit / virtual) can be arranged on expert level.

The Armenian Side suggested to consider opportunities for economic entities of the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Republic to participate in the public procurement of the countries.

With regard to the previous mutual negotiations on a bilateral investment agreement (the last time in 2009), the Czech Side would like to ask the Armenian Side about its interest in renewing these mutual negotiations and continuing to negotiate an investment agreement according to the current trends in the field of international law and investment protection.

## **6. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT**

The Armenian Side proposed to start the negotiations of the International Road Transport Agreement between both states to facilitate transportation of passengers and goods, as well as to develop innovative and efficient transport services.

The Czech Republic and the Republic of Armenia reiterated their interest in promoting cooperation in the area of civil aviation and welcomed that both countries had already ratified the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and Armenia. This made it possible to start the administrative application of the agreement. In this context, Both Sides appreciated the announced launch of direct scheduled flights between Prague and Yerevan by one of the EU air carriers.

Both Sides expressed their readiness to discuss possible areas for cooperation in the transportation and transport infrastructure development.

## **7. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE**

Both Sides are interested in deepening the cooperation in the field of agriculture and food industry.

In September 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Yerevan, organized an incoming mission from Armenia to the Czech Republic, in the field of livestock production. Five Armenian companies visited Czech partners, who export not only cattle and bull semen, but also agricultural technologies of a turn-key and companies processing dairy products. Following this mission, Czech and Armenian companies continue to be interested in deepening the cooperation.

Armenian experts are invited to take part in international workshops to be held in 2023 in cooperation with the FAO Regional Office in Budapest to the Czech Republic. The workshop on "Sharing Experiences on Sustainable Forestry" will be organized by the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague – Faculty of Forestry and will be held on 19-22 June 2023. Workshop on "Inland Fisheries Management and Aquatic Biodiversity Conservation" is prepared by the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice – Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters. Czech University of Agriculture in Prague - Faculty of Engineering will organize the workshop on "Precision/Smart Agriculture". Armenian FAO contact point will be provided with invitation.

The Armenian Side suggested the Czech Side to consider following areas of cooperation: Forest resources planning and management, forest inventory and information systems, management of specially protected areas and forests, including forest fire protection and prevention. The Czech Side took into consideration the suggestion of the Armenian Side.

The Armenian Side suggested to encourage the development and expansion of inter-university cooperation through the implementation of joint educational and scientific, as well as student and professor exchange programs,

Both Sides agreed to develop Cooperation Program in the field of culture, and consider the possibility of holding mutually days of culture in the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Republic,

The Armenian Side suggested to consider the possibility of holding events in the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Republic in 2023-2024 dedicated to the Aram Khachaturian's 120th anniversary, Armenian cinema's, Sergei Parajanov's and Charles Aznavour's 100th anniversaries,

The Armenian Side suggested to encourage cooperation in the field of youth policy through the implementation of joint programs,

Sides agreed to develop cooperation in the field of physical culture and sport, to support the participation of athletes of both countries in sports events organized by each other, as well as the exchange of experience of athletes, coaches and sports doctors.

## **9. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DIGITALIZATION**

Both Sides confirmed mutual interest in the development of bilateral cooperation in the fields of:

**Cooperation in the field of digitalization,** digital transformation and cybersecurity:

1. Cooperation in the field of e-government, digital transformation of public services, including big data policy and analysis, implementation of joint courses and trainings in the field of legislation operating in the Czech Republic.
2. Implementation of governmental programs, which will promote the exchange of experience between the state employees for the elaboration of legal acts regulating e-governance sector.
3. Cooperation and sharing good practice regarding training courses and learning opportunities aimed at increasing the level of cybersecurity, digital, information and communication technology usage among public servants in cooperation with private companies.
4. Exchange of experience in the field of telecommunication technologies.

**Cooperation for the development of digital education and digital skills** (digital education and literacy) **of the citizens:**

1. Cooperation and sharing good practice related to ensuring access to digital services for vulnerable groups of society and government employees.
2. Cooperation and sharing good practice related to the continuous improvement of digital skills.
3. Cooperation on data "privacy protection" in the field of cyber security.
4. Cooperation in the field of digital economy in order to encourage the usage of the digital tools in the SMEs framework.



The Armenian Side is interested in the cooperation in the field of fishery migration (especially the impact of hydroelectric power station on the fish migration in Armenia). The University of South Bohemian in České Budějovice and the CENAKVA are ready to consider the cooperation and interest from the Armenian Side.

The Czech Side appreciates the cooperation of supervisory authorities in both countries that participates to enhancing and deepening of bilateral agri-food trade.

## **8. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE**

### **Cooperation in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation**

The Sides perceive the need to strengthen the scientific and technological cooperation and have agreed to promote the establishment of contacts and cooperation between institutions of both Sides in the fields of science, technology and innovation. The Sides have agreed to inform each other of the most important international symposiums, conferences and seminars related to science, technology and innovation, which will take place in their countries. In this regard it was agreed to encourage the implementation of joint projects in the fields of science and technology of mutual interest, particularly by activating the cooperation links between the Science Committee of the Republic of Armenia and the Czech Science Foundation,

The Sides agreed to exchange information on the ongoing projects and reforms in the fields of science, research and development.

Both Sides stressed the importance of developing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and reaffirmed their willingness to explore the ways of promoting cooperation between the leading institutions in this field.

The Sides expressed interest to establish a branch of the TUMO Center for Creative Technologies in the Czech Republic.

### **Cooperation in the field of Education and Culture, Youth and Sport**

Both Sides reiterated their continued interest in promoting cooperation in the fields of education and research and agreed to maintain exchange experiences and information on ongoing projects and reforms in these areas.

Both Sides confirmed their willingness to overcome the obstacles that prevent the completion of the process of signing the Agreement between the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia on Cooperation in the Field of Education and Science. Armenian side expressed its willingness to continue the cooperation within Armenian Studies program at Charles University and Armenian Cabinet project at Masaryk University.

Both Sides acknowledged the importance of deepening cooperation of Czech and Armenian educational institutions within the EU programmes as well as Eastern Partnership initiative, especially within the EaP University cluster program.

5. Promote cooperation aimed at improving information technology for the citizens and the business community. This cooperation should be focused on developing accessible to e-commerce markets, as well as contributing to the use of digital tools in the field of small and medium-sized enterprises, and promoting competitions and investments in that area.

The Armenian Side suggested to develop cooperation in the field of digital innovation and promote the implementation of joint projects related to research activities in the direction of digital innovation. In this regard:

- to consider possibilities of collaboration in scientific research between the Faculty of Physics and Radio Physics at Yerevan State University (YSU) and the Technical University of Czech, particularly implementation of joint research projects and short-period master programs (research of efficient and high-power fiber amplifiers and laser technology).
- Joint implementation of scientific and experimental projects to develop the semiconductor industry.
- Collaboration proposal for microchip design and production for designing and manufacturing semiconductor devices (analog/mixed signal microcircuits).
- Consider the possibility of collaboration opportunity between Czech and Armenian tech centers: Engineering City ([www.engineeringcity.am/](http://www.engineeringcity.am/)), Gyumri Technology Center (<http://gtc.am/>), and Vanadzor Technology Center (<http://vtc.am/en/>).
- Consider the possibilities of requesting information about the leading Czech tech industry incubators, accelerators and venture funds in order to start cooperation with them.
- Consider the possibility of initiating shared grant programmes with funding from both Sides.

#### **Cooperation in the field of big data analysis regulation:**

Armenian Side suggested to open discussion about cooperation in the field of creating regulation or the protocols of using AI.

#### **As a result of discussions, the Commission recommended both Sides:**

- 9.1 Implement and develop cooperation in the field of e-government, digital transformation of public services, big data policy and in the field of open data.
- 9.2 Implementation of programs ensuring the exchange of experience of state employees in the direction of elaboration of legal regulations regulating the sphere of e-government.
- 9.3 Develop cooperation for the development of digital education and digital skills of the citizens.
- 9.4 Promote cooperation in the field of digital economy in order to encourage the usage of the digital tools in the SMEs framework.

## **10. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE PROTECTION**

Both Sides reiterated their interest in continuing the cooperation based on the Joint Declaration of Intent on the Environment Cooperation between the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic (2014) and on the Memorandum of Cooperation between AOPK Czech Republic and Bio-resource Management Agency of the Ministry of the Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia (2017).

The Sides agreed to exchange experience and to cooperate in the following fields utilizing financial sources from multilateral environmental agreements, where possible

- Land monitoring and management using of high technologies and geographic information systems (GIS);
- Mitigation of the effects of drought and climate change on soils and landscape restoration;
- Development of knowledge and capacity building for management of abandoned mining waste and mitigation of the harmful effects;
- Management of specially protected areas and forests, including forest fire protection and prevention;
- Management and protection of water resources (approximation of EU Water Framework Directive and national legislation, implementation of institutional and legal reforms implementation of climate change adaptation measures in the field of water resources);
- Waste and hazardous substances management;
- Atmospheric air protection, development of application of the best available technology mechanisms in atmospheric air protection;
- Study of environmental impact and risks assessment of the living modified organisms;
- Improvement and modernization of environmental monitoring system;
- Environmental taxes and natural resources utilisation payments system;
- Implementation of EU directives (in particular, air quality, water framework, nitrates and industrial emissions) arising from the implementation road map of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Armenia and the European Union (CEPA).

Both Sides are interested to promote also the cooperation with the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute in the fields of meteorology, climatology, hydrology, air and water quality etc.

**The Commission recommended both Sides:**

10.1. Continue cooperation at the bilateral level;

10.2. Promote common activities and projects within EU and International platforms;

10.3. Strengthen cooperation in the multilateral area in order to address the global environmental challenges.

**11. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF LABOR, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND HEALTHCARE**

The Sides expressed their interest and willingness in strengthening the cooperation in labour and social protection sphere.

In this regard the Armenia Side suggested:

- To take steps for implementation of the provisions of the MoU signed in 2015 between the bodies coordinating the social protection sphere of the two countries, exchange of best practices;
- To consider possibility of involving professors and experts of Charles University in Prague in the development of the RA demography strategy;
- To consider participation of the Czech Side in the process of the changes planned by the RA Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs in the field of pension security, in particular, in the context of the implementation of effective programs aimed at using the potential of the older generation of professionals, following the example of cooperation with Germany and Austria;
- To exchange of experience on legal regulations of the Czech Republic regarding freelance work;
- To Join efforts in the direction of ensuring employment, overcoming unemployment and improving labor legislation:

Both Sides expressed readiness to further explore possibilities to cooperate in the healthcare domain. Possible areas of cooperation include health insurance, public health and exchange among experts and professionals. Particular domains and ways of cooperation are to be decided in bilateral discussions between ministries of health.

Both Sides agreed on exploring possibilities in conducting mid- and short-term observerships, organizing exchange and study visits of multidisciplinary professionals and narrow specialists with topic-specific seminars and workshops.

## **12. INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION**

The Sides highlighted the possibilities of using the existing good practice of interregional cooperation between Armenia and the Czech Republic in order to promote cooperation in the fields of culture, tourism, sports and industry on a regional level.

The Sides emphasised the continuity and further deepening of interregional cooperation, noting that there are good prerequisites for the development of cooperation in various fields.

### **The Commission recommended to relevant stake-holders:**

12.1. To cooperate more closely in the field of interregional and decentralized cooperation in the format of exchange of experience, visits of specialists, signing of memorandums of understanding.

### **13. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

Both Sides agreed to hold the next session of the Armenian-Czech Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation in the Republic of Armenia, on the dates to be agreed by both Sides through diplomatic channels.

This Protocol was signed in Prague on May 4, 2023 in two original copies in English language.

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