

Statutes of the Intelligence Activity Committee

Article 1 Introductory Provisions

- (1) The Intelligence Activity Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) is a standing working body of the National Security Council for the coordination of the activities of the intelligence services of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the “Intelligence Services”) and the planning of measures to ensure intelligence activities and the cooperation of state bodies that obtain, collect and evaluate information necessary for ensuring the security of the Czech Republic. The Committee does not carry out independent intelligence activities.
- (2) The Committee was established by Government Resolution No. 423 of 03 May 2000.

Article 2 Activities of the Committee

- (1) The Committee ensures coordination of the activities of the intelligence services and planning of measures to ensure intelligence activities and cooperation of state bodies that obtain, collect and evaluate information necessary for ensuring the security of the Czech Republic.
- (2) The Committee, in particular,
 - a) provides the necessary supporting documents and activities for the coordination of the activities of the intelligence services by the Government¹⁾,
 - b) ensures the inter-ministerial coordination of planning and preparatory activities in the field of the provision of intelligence activities, relating primarily to the protection of the constitutional establishment, major economic interests and the provision of security and defence of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the “Strategic Interests of the Czech Republic”),
 - c) assesses and discusses intentions for planning and preparatory activities in the area of intelligence activities relating primarily to the protection of the strategic interests of the Czech Republic,
 - d) assesses and discusses the requirements of the state bodies applied in the framework of the provision of intelligence activities,
 - e) discusses the evaluation of inter-ministerial comment procedures on documents related to the provision or performance of intelligence activities and recommends their

¹⁾ Section 7 of Act No. 153/1994 Coll., on the Intelligence Services of the Czech Republic.

discussion in the National Security Council or in the Government,

- f) assesses, discusses and coordinates the basic focus of the activities of the Czech Republic's representatives in the relevant bodies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the European Union,
- g) prepares and discusses its own documents in the area of intelligence activities, relating primarily to the protection of the strategic interests of the Czech Republic, and recommends their discussion in the National Security Council or the Government, as appropriate.

Article 3 Composition of the Committee

- (1) The Committee has 7 members.
- (2) The Committee is chaired by the Prime Minister. The Committee is chaired by the First Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of the Interior.
- (3) The other members of the Committee are
 - a) Minister of Defence,
 - b) Minister of Foreign Affairs,
 - c) Director of the Security Information Service,
 - d) Director of the Office of Foreign Relations and Information,
 - e) Director of Military Intelligence.
- (4) In cases where attribution of cyber attacks is addressed by the Committee, the Director of the National Office for Cyber and Information Security becomes a member of the Committee and has the same rights and obligations as the members of the Committee in such cases.

Article 4 Chairman and Members of the Committee

- (1) The Chairman of the Committee convenes a Committee meeting. In his/her absence, the Committee meeting is convened by the Vice Chairman of the Committee. The Committee meets regularly, but at least once every three months and then as required.
- (2) A member of the Committee may be a person, unless he/she is a member of the Government, only if he/she holds a valid security certificate of a natural person of the classification level Secret or Top Secret and has been instructed under the Act on the Protection of Classified Information and Security Eligibility²⁾. A member of the Committee may submit a proposal to convene a Committee meeting to the Chairman of the

²⁾ Sections 11 and 54 of Act No. 412/2005 Coll., on the Protection of Classified Information and Security Eligibility, as amended.

Committee in serious situations concerning the strategic interests of the Czech Republic, and then the meeting will be convened at the earliest appropriate time.

- (3) The members of the Committee attend all the meetings. In exceptional cases, they may be represented by a designated senior member of staff of the relevant ministry, a senior member of the Intelligence Service or a senior member of the National Office for Cyber and Information Security, with the knowledge of the Chairman of the Committee. Only a person who holds a valid security certificate of a natural person of the classification level Secret or Top Secret under the Act on the Protection of Classified Information and Security Eligibility and who has been instructed²⁾ may represent a member of the Committee at the meeting.
- (4) The delegated representative of a Committee member shall present at the Committee meeting the written authorisation of the relevant Committee member and thereafter may participate in the meeting with all the rights and obligations of a Committee member.

Article 5 Committee Secretariat

- (1) The activities of the Committee are ensured by the Committee Secretariat, which is a designated organisational unit of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic.
- (2) The Committee Secretariat, in particular,
 - a) provides administrative, professional, organisational and technical support for the activities of the Committee and its working bodies,
 - b) ensures working relations with the relevant ministries, intelligence services and other public authorities in the performance of the Committee's tasks,
 - c) compiles supporting documents for the Committee's activities, prepares opinions for the Chairman of the Committee and documents submitted by the Chairman of the Committee,
 - d) is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of personal, administrative and physical security are met during the meetings of the Committee and meetings of its working bodies, in accordance with the law on the protection of classified information and security eligibility³⁾,
 - e) ensures that persons are invited to attend meetings of the Committee in accordance with Article 6,
 - f) prepares the documentation of the Committee meetings and the final texts of the Committee resolutions and keeps a record of them.
- (3) The Head of the Committee Secretariat, who is the head of the designated organisational unit referred to in Paragraph 1, is responsible for the performance of the tasks of the Committee Secretariat and directs its activities. The Head of the Committee Secretariat attends meetings of the Committee on a regular basis.

³⁾ Act No. 412/2005 Coll., on the Protection of Classified Information and Security Eligibility, as amended.

Article 6
External Cooperation

- (1) The Committee may invite the representatives of ministries, other administrative authorities or security forces who are not members of the Committee, or other experts, as appropriate, to the meeting or to part of the agenda of the meeting. The decision to invite such persons is taken by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of need or a reasoned proposal by a member of the Committee.
- (2) A person invited pursuant to Paragraph 1 shall hold a valid certificate under the Act on the Protection of Classified Information and Security Eligibility of the natural person of the classification level in which the Committee meeting or the part of the agenda of the meeting to which he/she is invited is being held and shall be instructed²).

Article 7
Working Bodies of the Committee

- (1) The Committee has a standing working body, the Joint Intelligence Group established by the National Security Council⁴). The competence, composition and a method of operation of the Joint Intelligence Group are regulated by the Statutes of the Joint Intelligence Group, which are approved by the National Security Council.
- (2) The Committee has a standing working body, the Joint Attribution Group established by the National Security Council. The scope, composition and method of operation of the Joint Attribution Group are regulated by the Statutes of the Joint Attribution Group, which are approved by the National Security Council.
- (3) The Committee may, as necessary, establish subcommittees and expert working groups of its members, representatives of the relevant ministries, other administrative authorities or security forces and invited experts, and appoint their heads.
- (4) The heads of the subcommittees and the heads of the expert working groups chair their meetings and submit the documents prepared by the subcommittee or expert working group for consideration at the Committee meeting.

Article 8
Rules of Procedure

- (1) The Rules of Procedure of the Committee, amendments and additions thereto are approved by the National Security Council.
- (2) The meetings of the Joint Intelligence Group and the Joint Attribution Group are governed

⁴) National Security Council Resolution No. 54 of 6 June 2005 on the Standardisation and Statutes of the Joint Intelligence Group.

by their own rules of procedure, which are approved by the Committee⁵). The subcommittees and expert working groups of the Committee do not have their own rules of procedure. The meetings of the subcommittees and expert working groups are governed, as appropriate, by the Committee's Rules of Procedure.

Article 9 Final Provisions

- (1) Amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Intelligence Activity Committee are approved by the Government.
- (2) These Statutes are available to the public on the website and at the seat of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic. The full wording is published on the website.
- (3) These Statutes take effect on the date of approval by the Government.

⁵) Article 8 of the Statutes of the Joint Intelligence Group, approved by National Security Council Resolution No. 19 of 14 August 2012.