

Joint Statement
by the Ministers of Defence of
the Czech Republic and the Republic of Serbia

Building on the historical traditions and ties between our two countries, we met today to discuss how to deepen our cooperation in the area of defence. Most recently, our partnership in this area has been coordinated and enhanced through the activities of the Czech Embassy in Belgrade, which also serves as the NATO Contact Point Embassy for Serbia. Our goal is to continue strengthening our partnership in this field in the long-term.

We have identified three main areas as our priorities for cooperation:

- Military Education;
- Protection against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) threats;
- Logistics.

We will continue the exchange between our defence universities. Today, we signed an agreement on cooperation in the area of Protection against CBRN to highlight our commitment in this field. Furthermore, the Czech Republic has invited the Republic of Serbia to join the Multinational Logistics Coordination Center based in Prague and welcomes Serbia's intent to participate in the Capable Logistician Exercise to be held in 2013.

The Czech Republic and the Republic of Serbia jointly subscribe to the idea of promoting European and regional security through multinational cooperation.

The Czech Republic has offered its assistance and support for Serbia's future participation in the Common Security and Defence Policy activities of the EU.