



## **Press Release**

### **Liechtenstein and the Czech Republic establish diplomatic relations**

- **Establishment of diplomatic relations and agreement on declaration and joint co-operation memorandum**
- **Shared goal is closer relationship based upon constructive partnership as well as foreign policy co-operation**
- **Historical Commission to examine joint history as well as the relationship between the two countries during the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

**Vaduz, 13 July 2009** – The governments of Liechtenstein and the Czech Republic have agreed to establish diplomatic relations. This morning, Monday, the two countries reached agreement on a corresponding declaration as well as on the signing of a joint memorandum on future co-operation.

The shared goals of the governments of the Principality of Liechtenstein and of the Czech Republic are closer relations based upon partnership as well as co-operation within the context of the process of European integration and within international organisations. This is not least in the economic interests of the two states and their populations.

The two states are linked by a joint European inheritance and the centuries-old history of the House of Liechtenstein in the lands of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia. Liechtenstein and the Czech Republic are of the view that relations between both states can be developed on the basis of this shared inheritance and joint European values, and that this can also enable the different positions which sprung up over the course of an eventful history to be overcome.

Liechtenstein and the Czech Republic have resolved to set up a Historical Commission to examine the joint history of Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia and the House of Liechtenstein, as well as the relationship between the two countries throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The goal of this Historical Commission is to contribute towards a reciprocal understanding of the shared history, opportunities and challenges.

Within the framework of their beneficial partnership and friendly relations, the Czech Republic and the Principality of Liechtenstein will also be promoting a regular exchange of ideas.

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