

No. 7241

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA
and
AUSTRIA**

Agreement concerning the principles of geological co-operation between the Czechoslovak Republic and the Republic of Austria (with exchange of notes). Signed at Prague, on 23 January 1960

Official texts: Czech and German.

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**TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 7241. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC AND THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE PRINCIPLES OF GEOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA. SIGNED AT PRAGUE, ON 23 JANUARY 1960

Considering that closer co-operation between Czechoslovakia and Austria in geological matters would be useful to both States,

And considering that such co-operation is especially useful in cases where there are common deposits of mineral raw materials extending into the territory of both States,

The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic and the Austrian Federal Government have concluded the following Agreement :

Article 1

For the purposes of this Agreement, the expression "geological co-operation" shall mean primarily the exchange of geological data and the joint evaluation thereof, also the co-ordination of geological prospecting in the frontier areas.

Article 2

In order to ensure geological co-operation, meetings for the purpose of exchange in accordance with article 1 of this Agreement (hereinafter referred to simply as "exchange meetings") shall be held annually, always in April, alternately at Vienna and at Prague. The exact date shall be proposed by the competent authority of the State in whose capital the exchange meeting is to take place.

In order that due preparation may be made for the exchange meetings, the competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties shall communicate to each other in February of each year their proposals for the agenda relating to the exchange of geological data and proposals for co-operation in geological prospecting in the frontier areas.

¹ Came into force on 23 January 1960, upon signature, in accordance with article 11.

At the exchange meetings, the results achieved during the period just past shall be evaluated and a programme of geological co-operation for the next year shall be jointly drawn up in accordance with the several articles of this Agreement.

Extraordinary exchange meetings may be arranged by agreement, on the proposal of either Contracting Party. The place of such extraordinary exchange meetings shall be determined by agreement ; as a rule they shall take place in the country to which the request for the meeting has been addressed.

Article 3

The expression "geological data" for the purposes of article 1 shall mean :

- (a) Described and processed comparative material, such as rock specimens, minerals, fossils, published geological maps, scientific publications, official reports and duplicates of reference material ;
- (b) Geological records concerning the territory of the other Contracting Party ; copies of this material may be made available on request, to the extent permitted by the legal provisions of the two Contracting States. Existing compilations from the period before 1918, with the exception of unique items quoted in the literature, may be made available to the other Contracting Party on request.

Article 4

In order to ensure geological co-operation as applied to the co-ordination of geological prospecting in the frontier areas, the two Contracting Parties shall adopt the following measures :

(1) The cartographic programme in frontier territory shall so far as possible be executed in concert by the two Parties so as to ensure that, wherever practicable, the frontier sectors common to both States are mapped at the same time.

(2) In individual cases where the results of geological prospecting carried out by each Party in its own State territory differ on the frontier line as though subjectively influenced, joint rationally planned inspections and surveys may be carried out along the frontier with geologists of both Parties taking part, subject to compliance with all provisions governing admission to the frontier area of the other Contracting Party. To this end the two Contracting Parties shall afford the geologists of both States facilities for crossing the State frontiers.

(3) Efforts shall be made to standardize gravimetric and geomagnetic maps for geological and geophysical operations. To this end the two Contracting Parties shall arrange for selected gravimetric and geomagnetic points on both sides of the common frontier of Czechoslovakia and Austria to be linked up. Before the beginning and after the conclusion of the gravimetric and geomagnetic survey operations, they shall perform the calibration of instruments at the gravimetric and geomagnetic base stations in Czechoslovakia and Austria and shall also calibrate the appropriate instruments at the competent observatories of both States.

In order to effect the linkage of magnetometric and gravimetric readings, the two Contracting Parties shall arrange to extend to the survey parties concerned facilities in accordance with paragraph (2) of this article for crossing the frontier with all requisite instruments, in so far as this is unavoidably necessary to the conduct of operations.

Article 5

If there are indications of the presence of useful minerals, or if a deposit of a useful raw material is discovered, within a frontier zone three kilometres wide on either side of the State frontier, the competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties shall exchange the geological findings made on the subject in the course of prospecting and each of them shall so far as possible meet the request of the other Party for the communication of relevant information.

Article 6

Where prospecting leads to the discovery of common workable deposits, the two Contracting Parties shall, at a fixed time and according to the nature of the raw material, proceed to exchange information concerning such deposits and to co-ordinate the extractive operations, either in accordance with the terms of the Agreement signed this day concerning the working of common deposits of natural gas and petroleum or in accordance with a special agreement which they shall conclude.

Article 7

In order to intensify geological co-operation, each Contracting Party shall enable geologists of the other Contracting Party to make comparative studies in the traditional mineral-bearing areas of its State territory. Each Contracting Party shall communicate to the other, at each exchange meeting, its wishes with respect to the subject, purpose and duration of such studies. The other Contracting Party shall propose the appropriate locality for such study and shall provide expert guidance and scientific and technical assistance.

Article 8

Expenses connected with travel and residence in the territory of the other Contracting Party under this Agreement shall be borne by the Contracting Party which has sent out the geologist. Expenses connected with the exchange of material as specified in article 3 of this Agreement shall be borne by the Contracting Party which asks for the material in question.

Article 9

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply only to nationals of the two Contracting Parties.

Article 10

The authorities responsible for the application of this Agreement shall be, on the Czechoslovak side, the Central Geological Institute at Prague and, on the Austrian side, the Federal Geological Institute at Vienna in consultation with the Federal Ministry of Trade and Reconstruction, Chief Mining Authority.

Article 11

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature. It shall remain in force until denounced by one of the Contracting Parties. Such denunciation must be made in writing through the diplomatic channel and shall take effect six months from the date on which it is communicated to the other Contracting Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the plenipotentiaries of the two Contracting Parties have signed this Agreement and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Prague on 23 January 1960 in two original copies, each in the Czech and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Czechoslovak Republic :

V. DAVID

For the Austrian Federal
Government :

Rud. ENDER

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

I

Prague, 23 January 1960

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm to you, with reference to article 4, paragraph (2), of the Agreement signed this day¹ concerning the principles of geological co-operation between the Czechoslovak Republic and the Republic of Austria, that the following

¹ See p. 112 of this volume.

arrangement has been agreed upon with regard to the frontier crossing facilities for geologists mentioned in the said paragraph :

In order to cross the frontier and stay in the frontier area of either Contracting State for the purpose of carrying out necessary geological work by prior agreement between the authorities specified in article 10 of the Agreement, geologists who are nationals of the other Contracting State must hold a pass for crossing the State frontier which bears a photograph and personal description and which must be visaed by the competent authorities of the other State. The visa shall be affixed by the competent authorities of the other Contracting State as quickly as possible. Visaed passes for crossing the State frontier shall entitle the geologists to remain in the territory of the other Contracting Party up to a distance of three kilometres on either side of the common State frontier, in accordance with the general or special regulations governing admittance to the frontier area concerned. By arrangement with the frontier control authorities of the other State, the holders of such passes may also cross the frontier at points other than open frontier-crossing points.

The geologists shall be entitled to take with them, for the duration of their stay in the territory of the other Contracting State, the instruments and articles necessary for their work, subject to compliance with the formalities prescribed by the other Contracting State and to the re-export of the items concerned.

Please confirm your agreement to the contents of this letter.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

DAVID

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Czechoslovak Republic

Dr. Rudolf Ender
Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Republic of Austria
Prague

II

Prague, 23 January 1960

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I confirm to you the agreement of the Austrian Party to the foregoing arrangement.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Rud. ENDER

Ambassador Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Republic of Austria

Mr. Václav David
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Czechoslovak Republic
Prague