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No. 7357. DECLARATION¹ BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK RE-PUBLIC AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE POLICY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. SIGNED AT PRAGUE, ON 23 JUNE 1950

The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic and the Provisional Government of the German Democratic Republic having agreed thereon declare that they pursue the common fundamental aim, namely the preservation and safeguarding of peace. They are achieving this common purpose in both countries by their policy of successful constructive effort, which, based on the democratic and patriotic elements, encourages co-operation among all peace and freedomloving peoples with a view to strengthening the camp of peace under the leadership of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the struggle against the forces of imperialism and war.

The people has finally triumphed in the Czechoslovak Republic, the popular democratic order has been consolidated and the country has successsfully embarked upon socialism.

The new anti-fascist democratic order in the German Democratic Republic is being consolidated. The National Front of democratic Germany is intensifying its efforts for the establishment of a unified, democratic and peace-loving Germany.

The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic and the Provisional Government of the German Democratic Republic are convinced that their common obligation to preserve and safeguard peace will be facilitated and at the same time strengthened if there are no unsolved issues between their two States. Our two States have no territorial or frontier claims, and their Governments emphasize expressly that the transfer of the German population from the Czechoslovak Republic, duly carried out, has been completed, irrevocably, justly and definitively.

This Declaration is in complete accord with the policy which the Provisional Government of the German Democratic Republic has pursued from the beginning, and which has given the transferred population every opportunity and assistance to find their place in the constructive effort and a new home land in the German Democratic Republic.

Convinced that support for each other's peaceful constructive effort is in the interests of both peoples and of all States having a stake in the preservation and safeguarding of peace, the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic and

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the Provisional Government of the German Democratic Republic endeavour to strengthen the ties of friendship between their peoples and States.

Both Governments believe that the struggle of the German people for the creation of a unified, democratic and peace-loving Germany and the policy of both States to strengthen the camp of world peace under the leadership of that mightiest bulwark of peace, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, will help to preserve and safeguard peace in Europe and throughout the world.

The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic and the Provisional Government of the German Democratic Republic declare that they will strive with all their energy to thwart the plans of the imperialist war-mongers and to strengthen peace.

Prague, 23 June 1950.

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