ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Based upon Act No. 283/1992 Coll., on the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, as subsequently amended, and upon Act No. 341/2005 Coll., on public research institutions, and in accordance with the Statutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic issued on 24 May 2006, the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (hereinafter ASCR) hereby issues

the Foundation Deed
of the Institute of Contemporary History of the ASCR, v. v. i.

I.

(1) The Institute was established by a resolution of the second session of the Presidium of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter CSAS) held on 24 January 1990, which took effect on 1 February 1990, under the name the Institute of Contemporary History of the CSAS. Under section 18 (2) of Act No. 283/1992 Coll., the Institute became an entity of the ASCR as of 31 December 1992.

(2) Under Act No. 341/2005 Coll., the legal status of the Institute of Contemporary History of the ASCR will be transformed from a state contributory organisation into a public research institution (abbreviated as v. v. i.) from 1 January 2007.

II.

(1) The Institute of Contemporary History of the ASCR, v. v. i., (hereinafter ICH) is established for an indefinite period as a legal entity with identification number 68378114, and is located in Prague 1, Vlašská 355/9, Postal Code 118 40.

(2) The founder of the ICH is the ASCR, an organisational body of the state, identification number 60165171, headquartered in Prague 1, Národní 1009/3, Postal Code 117 20.

III.

(1) The purpose for which the ICH has been established is to carry out scholarly research in the field of contemporary history, to contribute to the utilisation of its research results, and to provide a research infrastructure.

(2) The principal activity of the ICH is scholarly research in the field of contemporary history. The ICH contributes to raising the level of knowledge and education and to utilising the results of scholarly research in practice. It acquires, processes and disseminates scholarly information and issues scholarly publications (monographs, journals, proceedings, etc.). It provides scholarly assessments, professional opinions and recommendations, consulting and advisory services. In cooperation with universities, the ICH carries out doctoral study programmes and provides training for young scholars. Within the scope of its activity, the ICH promotes international cooperation, including the organisation of joint research

projects with foreign partners, participation in exchange programmes for scholars and the exchange of scholarly information, as well as the preparation of joint publications. The ICH organises scholarly meetings, conferences and seminars at the national and international levels and provides the infrastructure for research. It pursues its aims both independently and in cooperation with universities and other research and professional institutions.

IV.

(1) The director, the Board and the Supervisory Board are the bodies of the ICH. The director is the statutory body of the ICH and is entitled to act on behalf of the ICH.

(2) Basic organisational units of the ICH are scientific departments and specialised centres responsible for research and development, a service department responsible for provision of the infrastructure, an editorial department involved in the preparation of texts for printing, an editor's office, and a library.

(3) The detailed organisational structure of the ICH is regulated by rules of organisation issued by the director after being approved by the Board.

V.

The foundation deed will become effective on 1 January 2007 and will supersede the foundation deed of the Institute of Contemporary History of the ASCR dated 29 February 1990, as subsequently amended by modifications dated 1 September 1993 and 25 May 1998 and Addendum No. 1 dated 23 August 2004 (the full text having been issued on 24 August 2004).

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