

## CZECH REPUBLIC AT A GLANCE

### *Czech Republic-Canada Relations:*

- 80,000 Canadians claim Czech ancestry.
- Canada accepted almost 12,000 former Czechoslovak refugees who fled after the 1968 Soviet invasion.
- Canada was the first country to ratify the **Czech Republic's** membership in NATO .
- Canada and the **Czech Republic's** links have been strengthened by the signing of numerous agreements covering a multitude of areas such as social security, air transport, military cooperation and double taxation.

### *Canada, The Czech Republic and the European Union:*

- Canada and the **Czech Republic** will work together on advancing the mutual priorities identified in the Canada-EU Partnership Agenda adopted at the March 2004 Canada-EU Summit. This agenda will shape relations for the future in areas such as, people to people links, global governance and prosperity and international security.
- Canada and the **Czech Republic** will work to ensure the complementarity of NATO and an evolving EU security and defence policy including the fight against international crime and terrorism.
- Canada and the **Czech Republic** will continue to cooperate on migration and asylum issues particularly as they relate to the EU's new eastern borders, immigrant selection systems and citizenship legislation.
- Canada and the **Czech Republic** will work together to foster the growth of Canada and EU higher education training and youth mobility programmes.
- Canada and the **Czech Republic** will both benefit from an innovative, forward-looking Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement (TIEA) that seeks to stimulate trade and investment, trade facilitation and sustainable development.

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