Implementation Mobilisation and Location Measures in the Department of Defence as well as from the main tasks involving namely: stabilisation of life of the professional Czech Armed Forces; fulfilling of the key operational capabilities; implementation of the FG 2004 force goals; realisation of the Czech Republic’s commitments towards NATO, EU and UN; perfection of professional and special training of military professionals; selection and recruiting of the military professionals; replenishment of the Armed Forces by necessary armament, equipment and materiel as well as the reduction of garrisons and location places.

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ARMAMENT OF THE CZECH ARMED FORCES

The Chapter presents the main armament directions that create preconditions for achieving the required operational capabilities of our Armed Forces and a survey of important projects of the armament in the area of movable assets (acquisition of JAS-39 Gripen supersonic aircraft; refitting of the Czech Armed Forces with armoured carriers; upgrading of T-72M4-CZ tank; acquisition of L-159 system, ecological disposal of unserviceable ammunition; upgrading of Helicopter Aviation; introduction of the artillery gun laying and surveillance radar and simulator ARTHUR); in the area of immobile infrastructure and NSIP (upgrading of infrastructure of Tactical Air Base in Čáslav and Air Base in Náměšť nad Oslavou; development of Biological Protection Centre of the Czech Armed Forces; upgrading of infrastructure of the Land Forces Base in Jince for the location of Artillery Brigade; reconstruction of the Land Forces Base in Bechyně for the needs of Engineer Battalion and Engineer Brigade Commands and completion of the construction of the new areas for storage of equipment including a technical background; reconstruction and completion of the construction of the Land Forces Base in Žatec for the location of the units of Rapid Deployment Brigade; building of the infrastructure expected for reception of NATO reaction forces; building of backbone radars and integration of the Czech Air Force in the command and control system) and identification of total planned costs and the costs expended in the year 2004. Next part presents the main programs of research and development having an objective to achieve higher capabilities, new knowledge and to upgrade the armament with new, higher qualities.

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DEFENCE LEGISLATION

The Chapter involves a summary of legal regulations and a brief commentary elaborated within the competence of the Ministry of Defence in 2004 (other documents are being worked on at present):

– Government Decree No.51/2004 Coll. concerning State Defence Planning;
– Government Decree No.109/2004 Coll. that suspends the Enlisting Duty for the Citizens Liable to Compulsory Military Service;
FOREIGN RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Individual chapters are dealing with the following subjects:

– Survey of foreign trips and visits of Minister of Defence and Chief of the General of the Czech Armed Forces Staff made in the year 2004 on the level of ministers of defence and chiefs of the general staffs;

– Survey of international agreements concluded under direction and co-ordination of Ministry of Defence in 2004;


– Participation of the Czech Armed Forces in the international operations. The Czech Armed Forces participated in seven operations abroad with 2016 soldiers in total. The contingent of 7 persons represented the Czech Armed Forces in Joint Force Operation (SFOR) on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. After termination of the mission on December 2nd, 2004, the SFOR mission was accomplished and it was transferred to European Union Mission of Althea (EUFOR). The Czech Republic joined the mission by the contingent of 62 persons in December.
The Czech Armed Forces were engaged in Joint Guardian (KFOR) operation on the territory of Kosovo province. The contingent consisted of the national representation at KFOR Headquarters, MNB (C) Headquarters, Priština Airport, Multinational Transport Company, Multinational Military Police Company and in Joint Czech-Slovak Battalion. The contingent of the Czech Armed Forces counting 418 persons operated in the Multinational Brigade „Centre“ together with the contingents from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Ireland and Latvia. The role of leading country to control MNB (C) after Sweden was transferred to Finland on May 1, 2004. The Czech Republic will take over the role of leading country on August 1, 2005. In this connection our contingent in Kosovo will be augmented up to 600 persons.

The Czech Armed Forces were engaged in the anti-terrorist operation called Enduring Freedom on the territory of Afghanistan. Its contingent of Special Forces was incorporated in the Combined Joint Task Force – Special Operations Forces (CJTF-SOF) and executed the tasks of special reconnaissance in the period from April to September 2004.

A contingent of Military Police of the Czech Armed Forces counting 100 persons was engaged in the SFOR/MNF (I) coalition forces operation on the territory of Iraq. In June, the contingent was augmented within regular rotation by a Field Surgical Team consisting of 6 persons. The military policemen executed their tasks under British command in Southeast Sector. They were located in the Shaibah Base in Al Basrah Province.

The Czech Armed Forces participated in International Security and Support Mission of ISAF forces in Afghanistan with the contingent of 16 persons in total. The main element of the contingent was EOD detachment intended for searching, localisation, identification, ensuring of safety and disposal of the explosive and dangerous material with an emphasis put on booby-traps and on field engineer reconnaissance of roads. Next element was METEO Team that executed the tasks of organisation of a direct aviation meteorological support to the Air Traffic Control bodies and to the flight crews at Kabul Airport as well as provision of hydrometeorological information for JOC workplaces.

Distinguished Games Operation served to ensure the security of the 28th Summer Olympic Games and the 12th Para-Olympic Games in Greece. The Czech Armed Forces participated in ensuring this security by its NBC Detachment consisting of 100 persons.

PERSONNEL POLICY AND EDUCATION

The Chapter contains a review of the main documents concerning conception and management in the sphere of personnel policy and other documents that had to be elaborated or amended in connection with the implementation of the Armed Forces Reform.

Act No.585/2004 Coll. on Compulsory Military Service and its ensuring (Military Service Act) was adopted on November 4, 2004, which abrogated the existing Act No.218/1999 Coll. at the same time. The newly adopted Act abolishes the provision concerning the basic (alternate)
service in connection with its termination and it newly arranges namely the questions referring
the enlisting procedure, basic training and military administration offices.

Act No. 214/2004 Coll. dated April 2, 2004 establishes the Defence University located in
Brno by September 1, 2004. It was formed by merging three military universities (Military
University of Land Forces in Vyškov, Military Academy in Brno and Military Medical
Academy of Jan Evangelista Purkyně in Hradec Králové).

A number of internal normative acts and subject special orders concerning the personnel
work with career soldiers has also been issued and amended.

Next part presents tables containing the strength and personnel structure of career
soldiers, reduction and augmentation of career soldiers in 2004, organisational structure
of military schools, number of students and graduates of the military schools in the School
Year 2003/2004, a survey of language education in the Department of Defence and
a survey of use of the conversion training courses by the career soldiers.

THE CZECH ARMED FORCES

Introductory part of this Chapter presents a scheme of organisational structure of the
Czech Armed Forces as of December 31, 2004. Next parts describe the two operational-
tactical commands: Joint Forces Command and the Command of Support and Training,
Military Physical Training and Armed Forces Sport Representation.

The Chapter titled “Joint Forces” presents the Joint Forces Command, Land Forces, Air Forces
and Specialized Forces. Each component provides the following data: mission and structure;
organisational, material and location changes and the main tasks performed in the course of the
year in harmony with the Armed Forces Reform; list of the main professional functionaries and
the most important tasks of the training year including the most important exercises.

The Chapter titled “Support and Training Forces” presents the Support and Training
Forces Command, Logistic and Medical Support Directorate and Training and Doctrine
Directorate. It provides a list of professional functionaries, scheme of organisational
structure and the main tasks performed in 2004 in the sphere of Logistics (support of the
Czech Armed Forces units abroad, material supply of the units and facilities of the Czech
Armed Forces) and Military Medical Service.

The Chapter titled “Military Physical Training” contains a survey of the performed tasks
in the basic, special and optional physical training in the Czech Armed Forces as well as
the results of the physical fitness examination in the year 2004 and the activity of airborne
rescue service (Search and Rescue Service – SAR; Air Rescue Service – LZS).

The Chapter titled “Sport Representation of Armed Forces” brings a summary of
success of the military sportsmen in all the disciplines in both national and international
competitions as well as at the 28th Olympic Games and the basic tasks of the top-level
sport scientific-research workplace of the CASRI Prague.
MILITARY POLICE

Introductory part of the Chapter contains the organisational structure, main components and the list of the main professional functionaries of the Military Police. Next parts present the facts from the activity and development of the MP in 2004 and the main tasks it performed in the sphere of police protection, decrease of accident rate, promotion of discipline and order and prevention of social-pathological phenomena. The part is complemented by concrete results including e.g.: comparison with previous year; investigation of the cases of illicit behaviour committed in the Armed Forces – total structure of the kinds of criminal activity and its most frequent reasons; military crimes, property and economy related criminal activity; protection of classified information; theft of weapons, ammunition and explosives; drug addiction; traffic accidents of military vehicles and traffic accidents of military persons with private cars. At the end of the Chapter you will find the basic assumptions of development of the security situation and the measures that will be taken by the Military Police in the next period.

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ARMED FORCES AND PUBLIC

The main tasks of communication of the MOD with general public in 2004 included information support to the Reform of the Czech Armed Forces, presentation of the Czech Armed Forces units operating in the missions abroad and their presentation during training and joint exercises with the Armed Forces of NATO member states. An objective of the information was to maintain the support of general public to the Czech Armed Forces.

The Press and Information Service (PIS) for the public and mass media provided by the press and information bodies of the Ministry of Defence and the Czech Armed Forces offers actual information from the sphere of activity of the Ministry of Defence and issues its official standpoints. It organises press conferences, seminars and briefings; it ensures accreditation of journalists and administers the database of public information concerning the activity of the Department of Defence. Concurrently, it provides service for the main functionaries of the Ministry of Defence in preparing the basic data for their presentations and other activities towards the general public. It is also responsible for daily information on the outputs of mass media concerning the themes of defence and security for the MOD Joint Operation Centre. The MOD Press and Information Service is also a contact point providing the information in accordance with the Act No.106/1999 Coll. concerning Free Information Access and on behalf of the Ministry of Defence it is responsible for publishing of Annual Summary Report concerning provision of information according to the law.

Communication with general public from the level of the Ministry of Defence was realised by a number of activities: briefings for students of secondary schools and universities, exhibitions of photographs with military themes, co-operation at taking the film documents, the projects concerning the termination of compulsory military service, internet competition, communication with the Members of Parliament and Senators,
organisation of courses, special preparation for crisis situation for the mass media workers, organisation of celebrations of important events and commemorative acts and presentation of individual components of the Czech Armed Forces.

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PUBLISHING AND PRESS ACTIVITIES; SCIENCE AND INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION, ARCHIVATION, REPROGRAPHY AND POLYGRAPHY SERVICES AT THE MOD

The Chapter presents the sphere of publishing and press activities as well as science and information, documentation, archivation, reprography and polygraphy services provided in a uniform way by the only one organisation of the Department of Defence – the Military Information and Service Agency (AVIS).

The Agency provides preparation, publishing and distribution of periodicals (biweekly A report, Czech-English biweekly Czech Armed Forces Today, biweekly Vojenské rozhledy /Military Review/) and editorial preparation of special purpose publications. Another workplace provides production of commercial work, video and photo-documentation works concerning the training and life of Armed Forces, printing of official regulations of all the degrees of classification, military blank forms, stores documents blanks and it produces official stamps for the whole Department of Defence. The other activities of the Agency include archivation of photographic works and maintenance of departmental archives aimed at the sphere of historical development of Armed Forces. Central Departmental Library of the Czech Republic’s MOD, which is a part of the Agency, serves the MOD as a database-oriented information centre in the sphere of scientific and technical information. Its library stock, aimed at the military sphere, consists of more than 45,000 library units, 130 titles of foreign journals and 85 titles of domestic magazines. The database stores about 369,958 records of documentary processed funds.

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BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE IN THE YEAR 2004

The Chapter involves an analysis of receipts and expenditures of the Czech Republic MOD Budget Chapter in 2004 including the corrections made during the year. It is complemented by tables referring the binding indicators of the expenditures, drawing of the expenditures according to program spheres and individual programs of property replacement as well as research expenditures.

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