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Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am delighted to inform you that for the academic year 2018/2019, the Government of the Czech Republic is offering three fellowships for undergraduate studies (Bachelor's/Master's study programmes) within the framework of the UNESCO/Czech Republic Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme. These fellowships are tenable in a selected number of universities in the Czech Republic for a maximum duration of 3 to 6 years. The studies being conducted in Czech language, the selected candidates will be required to take a special language and preparatory course provided by the Charles University in Prague before starting their studies.

We are, therefore, inviting you to submit candidates under this co-sponsored fellowships programme, ensuring that the candidates presented have the necessary qualifications and demonstrate outstanding academic intellectual promise and personal qualities.

All information regarding the Czech Government Scholarship is available at the web site of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic: http://www.msmt.cz/eu-and-international-affairs/government-scholarships-developing-countries.

Fellowship applications can only be filled on-line. Each applicant must ensure that her/his application is endorsed by her/his National Commission for UNESCO and fill out an electronic application form, available at the online registration:

http://registr.dzs.cz/registr.nsf/unesco

The registration will be open for application until 30 September 2017 midnight. After filling out the application, the candidate is requested to submit an online motivation letter and take a test.

7, place de Fontenoy 75352 Paris 07 SP, France Tél.: +33 (0)1 45 68 10 00 Fax: +33 (0)1 45 67 16 90 After closing the registration, the results of all registered applicants will be evaluated and the best candidates from each country will be contacted by the respective Czech Embassy, to submit the necessary documentation.

Please note that the scholarships are intended solely to promote the studies of adults who are foreign nationals from developing Member States. Neither a citizen of the Czech Republic, nor a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, nor any other foreign national with a permanent residence permit on the territory of the Czech Republic may therefore be granted this type of scholarship.

Furthermore, the scholarships may not be granted to persons who are less than 18 years old (those born after 31 August 2000 will not be considered).

Prospective applicants are advised to peruse the guidelines before applying.

In an effort to maximize capacity-building, the Czech authorities encourage applicants to pursue studies in Natural Resources and Environment, Forestry Engineering, Tropical Agriculture, Water and Landscape Management, Economics and Finance, Environment, Ecology and Environmental Protection, Informatics, Engineering Informatics, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, Energy Engineering. But other possibilities are also available.

Selection will be made on a competitive basis and priority will be given to applicants who, apart from meeting the academic qualifications required, opt for the fields of study enumerated above. It is important to note that there is no possibility to change the field of study or the study programme once the fellowship has been awarded. We would also wish to emphasize that only applications with complete documentation shall be considered for evaluation.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

## Attachment:

Annex I (Guidelines regarding the Scholarship Award Scheme of the Government of the Czech Republic)

cc: Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of Invited Member States
UNESCO Field Offices concerned
Permanent Delegation of the Czech Republic to UNESCO
Czech Commission for UNESCO