

Reconstruction of the State is a joint program of politicians, citizens, members of civil society and the business community, who wish to live in a country where success is achieved by fair play, where breaking the rules does not pay off, and where the law applies equally to all.

Reconstruction of the State is a joint program of reducing systemic political corruption that is seriously threatening the legitimacy of the current democratic system.

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE

(UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH VERSION)

I,, a member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, pledge to support and vote for the anti-corruption laws stated below:

1. Transparent financing of political parties and election campaigns

I shall support an act on the financing of political parties, including the following measures:

- Having transparent accounts for all accounting,
- An obligation to make all financial transactions over 20,000 CZK by wire transfer only,
- The obligatory opening of a separate transparent account for income and expenses related to election campaigns, keeping and publishing separate accounting of campaign expenses,
- The documentation of all non-monetary donations and voluntary dispositions in annual financial reports with the standard value stated for non-monetary donations, accompanied by identification data for donors and voluntary disposition providers,
- The obligatory publication of annual financial reports online,
- Auditing of legal entities owned by political parties according to the rules applicable to political parties,
- The obligatory marking of all pre-election advertisements and promotional materials with a logo and/or the name of the party, or with identification data of the person or entity commissioning and paying for the advertisements,
- The verification of the independence of auditors through their rotation (auditing for a maximum of 5 successive years),
- The introduction of an independent control mechanism that will crosscheck the financing of political parties and election campaigns (including information published by the media or provided by civil society).

2. Financial disclosures of deputies, senators, cabinet members and other public officers from the date of commencing public office, submitted electronically

I shall support an amendment to the act on conflict of interests that will:

- introduce obligatory disclosure of the financial situation and assets for deputies, senators, cabinet members and other public officers from the date of their commencement in public office, submitted electronically and available in a central online register (with the range of information available to the general public depending on the position of the public officer),
- impose an obligation to submit the disclosures of the financial situation and assets with the information valid from the date of officially taking up the office,
- introduce legally enforceable sanctions for circumventing the law, and allow independent control of disclosures of financial situations and assets.

3. Contracts on the internet

I shall support an act that will:

- condition the validity of all contracts concluded by the state, regional and municipal authorities, and other public institutions (e.g. state-owned enterprises), by their publication on the internet
- introduce a central register of contracts available to the public that will include complete texts of the contracts and metadata in a machine-readable format, with the exception of information protected by Act No. 106/1999 Coll. on Freedom of Information, and Act No. 137/2006 Coll. on Public Procurement (e.g. personal data, trade secrets).

4. Abolition of anonymous shares (passed)

I shall support a bill requiring anonymous owners of physical shares in Czech joint-stock companies to be revealed.

5. Expert nominations to supervisory boards of state-owned companies

I shall support an act making the system of appointing members of supervisory boards of state enterprises and state-owned trading companies—including their subsidiaries—transparent by setting the following conditions for the nomination process:

- 1/3 of each supervisory board shall consist of independent experts, 1/3 shall consist of representatives of political parties, and 1/3 shall consist of employees' representatives,
- The chairperson of each supervisory board shall be selected from among the independent experts,
- The relevant ministry shall define the requirements for qualification and the professional experience necessary for a position on the supervisory board; such requirements shall be specific for each company and shall apply to the expert nominees,
- Both expert and political nominees must meet requirements of integrity and must not have a conflict of interest,
- The nominees shall be assessed and selected in a transparent recruitment process. These nominees shall be proposed to the minister by a nomination committee. Both the committee's recommendation and the minister's final decision—including the reasons for the decision and

information on how the candidate fulfills the defined requirements—shall be made available to the public.

6. Depoliticizing and professionalizing the state administration

I shall support such a Civil Service Act that will:

- clearly separate and define political and clerical (i.e. apolitical) positions, including a definition of their competencies,
- establish clear rights and duties for civil servants necessary for making state administration more effective, including sufficient protection against political pressure,
- introduce a transparent human resources policy with emphasis on expertise and professional experience; such a policy will include an open selection process (recruitment) for civil service and management positions, and will also introduce career regulations,
- introduce a new, unified and transparent system of remuneration without the possibility of contractual salaries,
- create the unified systematization of civil servants, assigning the status of a civil servant to persons who make decisions and perform work in the areas of human resources, conceptual issues, spending of public funds, and rights and duties,
- state conditions for the reappointment of qualified and experienced civil servants under the new Civil Service Act, with an emphasis on passing the required examinations,
- introduce measures to increase the accountability of civil servants for their decisions, ensuring that they use the proper official procedures, and to consistently impose penalties on civil servants who implement improper procedures or have poor performance records,
- ensure clear and sufficient protection of whistleblowers—i.e. those civil servants who point out illegal, uneconomical, and unethical conduct—through the minimum of an enumerative list of reasons upon which such a person may be dismissed,
- establish the necessary bodies and mechanisms ensuring clear interpretation and implementation of the Civil Service Act, such as General Directorate for Civil Service.

7. Public prosecutor's offices independent of politicians

I shall support a new act on the public prosecutor's office in a form reducing political influence on the Supreme Public Prosecutor by introducing the following measures:

- The joint decision-making of two institutional bodies in appointing the Supreme Public Prosecutor (the double control principle),
- The appointment for a fixed term of office without possible reappointment,
- Dismissal during the term shall only be possible upon disciplinary proceedings and upon reasons specified by law.

If a special department for the investigation of corruption at the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office is proposed to be established, I shall support such separation of powers between the Supreme Public Prosecutor and a head of the special department that will prevent possible political interventions in the investigation of sensitive cases at both regional and national levels. Thus, it will include specifically:

- A non-political appointment of the department head—the department director is appointed by the supreme public prosecutor upon the results of a competitive selection process,

- An obligatory competitive selection process (recruitment) for other members of the department,
- A time-limited mandate of the department's director without the possibility of reappointment,
- The department is subject to the Supreme Public Prosecutor's supervision and control,
- The department's director may only be instructed by the Supreme Public Prosecutor in writing, and with proper justification. Not even the Supreme Public Prosecutor may give negative instructions to the director.

8. Transparent legislative process

I shall support an amendment to the Chamber of Deputies' rules of procedure introducing these measures:

- The committees of the Chamber of Deputies shall publish minutes of their meetings, from which it is clear who is the sponsor of every amendment and the course of the discussion related to the proposal, including a list of voting by names,
- The electronic library of prepared legislation (EKLEPU) shall be made available to the public,
- The extension of the period between the second and third readings to the minimum of two weeks; so that the third reading of an act takes place at a different Chamber sitting than the second reading, in which amendments are submitted.

9. Extension of powers of the Supreme Audit Office

I shall support a constitutional amendment and an amendment to the Supreme Audit Office Act extending the Supreme Audit Office's powers to:

- manage the property of the territorial self-governing units and the income and expenses of their budgets in compliance with the law,
- manage the property of legal entities, in which either the state or a territorial self-governing unit has at least 50% share,
- manage the property of other public legal entities, such as health insurance companies, public research institutions, voluntary unions of municipalities, state-funded institutions of self-governing units, Regional Councils of the cohesive regions, Czech Television, Czech Radio, the Czech Press Agency, public universities, and the Czech National Bank.

Should the proposed laws include provisions that diminish their intended anti-corruption effect or are otherwise unacceptable, I will not support them and will publicly express my grievances.

Personal statement (if any):

Signed in on

Signature: