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## EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health, as the competent administrative authority pursuant to Section 80(1)(g) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on public health protection and amending certain related acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), **orders**, proceeding pursuant to Section 69(1)(i) and (2) of Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in protecting the population and preventing the occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, this extraordinary measure:

### I.

Effective from the day of the announcement of this Measure, until further notice, the **Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tehran** is hereby ordered not to accept applications for visas and stay permits and not to conduct proceedings or issue decisions concerning such applications, including any visas already granted, with the exception of short-term Schengen visas for family members of citizens of the Czech Republic. The Ministry of the Interior is hereby ordered to suspend decision-making in already ongoing proceedings concerning the granting of a stay permit submitted to the Embassy in Tehran.

### II.

This extraordinary measure takes effect on the day of its issue.

#### Rationale:

This extraordinary measure has been issued in connection with adverse development of the epidemiological situation in terms of the occurrence of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV-2 in Europe.

With a view to the significant spread of the COVID-19 disease in the Islamic Republic of Iran (approximately 5,000 cases), it is desirable to prevent travel of passengers from the Islamic Republic of Iran, until such time as the epidemic is under effective control.

The restriction or suspension of travel of passengers from the Islamic Republic of Iran is conditioned on the suspension of the acceptance of visa applications and applications for stay permits of applicants from the affected territories, suspension of proceedings that are already ongoing, and on not issuing decisions in such proceedings, including the non-issuance of visas, until further notice or, more precisely, until the epidemic is under effective control

Should the embassies of the Czech Republic continue to issue visas to applicants from the Islamic Republic of Iran, it would result in an effort by such applicants to use their visas and travel to the European continent, which may result in further uncontrolled spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

This measure is an important prerequisite for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic.

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Signed electronically