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BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

YBhg. Dato' Fuzi

YBhg. Dato' Abdul Aziz

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H.E. Dr. Vitezslav Grepl
Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Malaysia

Ladies and Gentlemen

We are gathered here today for a solemn occasion. As most of you are aware, recently the Czech Republic suffered its worst flood in 100 years. It resulted in loss of lives and wide spread damage to buildings and property of great historic value. Restoration of these historic monuments will take time and effort at great expense.

We in Malaysia were deeply saddened by the destruction caused to the beautiful city of Prague and to large parts of the Czech Republic. Our sympathies are with the many people who were made homeless by the flood, and to the families of those who lost their loved ones. In view of this, the Malaysian government has decided in solidarity with the people of the Czech Republic to present a sum of US\$ 25,000.00 to help alleviate the burden of the government of the Czech Republic in the work of restoration.

Malaysia and the Czech Republic have enjoyed cordial and friendly relations since the establishment of diplomatic ties between our two countries. The opening of Embassies in our respective capitals is clear manifestation of our resolve to further expand and deepen our traditional close relations. We have strived to ensure that bilateral ties are enhanced and strengthened through high level visits and people to people contacts.

Excellency,

It is my hope that your government with the help of the international community would be able to overcome the problems created by the recent floods. I would like now to present this cheque to you in the spirit of cooperation and friendship. I wish your government all the very best in its efforts to restore and reconstruct your country to its full former glory.