<u>Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's</u> <u>Meeting With Czech Foreign Minister</u> Tomas Petricek

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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo met with Czech Foreign Minister Tomas Petricek today. The Secretary thanked Foreign Minister Petricek for the Czechs' service as U.S. Protecting Power in Syria and for continued Czech support in Afghanistan and Iraq. They reaffirmed the importance and strength of U.S.-Czech bilateral relations and cooperation worldwide, the mutual benefits of the Czech Republic's plans to modernize its military, and the need to view energy security and cyber security as integral parts of national security. They also discussed regional and global security challenges including Russia, Iran, and North Korea.

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