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GUIDANCE ON DEPICTION OF
CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAK REPUBLIC

1. The Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic are to be depicted as independent states.
2. The international boundary between these two states is the internal boundary that separated them as constituent republics of Czechoslovakia.
3. The United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN) has approved the names of the successor states as follows:

Short Form

(Czech Republic)*
Slovakia

Long Form

Czech Republic
Slovak Republic

*The Czech Government has not yet decided on a short-form name.

4. The national capitals of the two successor states are now as follows:

Czech Republic: Prague
Slovak Republic: Bratislava

5. Czechoslovakia will no longer be depicted.

Background. On December 31, 1992, at midnight, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (CSFR, or Czechoslovakia) ceased to exist and was succeeded by two separate and independent states, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

The United States formally recognized the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic as independent states on January 1, 1993, and full diplomatic relations between these states and the US were immediately established

Action. Please disseminate this guidance to all personnel in your organization concerned with cartographic production.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William B. Wood".

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Former Czechoslovakia



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