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Statement from the Director on the Final Report of the ICL CAS

To our esteemed colleagues of the Commission:

On behalf of myself and all employees at the Institute of Czech Literature CAS, I would like to thank you for the valuable feedback provided by the meeting with Commission No. 11.

I sincerely appreciate the high level of understanding and insightfulness with which the survey of the ICL was conducted. The Final Report offers numerous suggestions and critical observations on which we will focus our attention in the coming years.

Commission No. 11 has also carefully identified which ICL departments would most benefit from the reinforcement of its staff (namely the Editorial and Textological Department, as well as the Department for Research into Old Czech Literature and Department for Research into 19th Century Literature). I will take these suggestions into account not only in subsequent proceedings on the results of the evaluation, but also in its considerations regarding the ICL's ongoing aims and research priorities.

Of particular importance, I believe, is the emphasis on institutional stabilisation of the Editorial and Textological Department, which, according to the Commission, 'represents a key workplace in the overall structure of the ICL's departments. However, it is just a very small team, so there is a need for staff reinforcement'. This is indeed the case. In several

places, the Final Report emphasizes the importance for the entire ICL of the Czech Library series, which is overseen by the Editorial and Textological Department. This unique series, dedicated to the Czech literary canon, has relied thus far on external financial resources (in particular Strategy AV 21). I feel that the institutional stabilisation of the Czech Library series is of greatest strategic importance for the entire ICL.

To our esteemed colleagues of the Commission, I would like once more to express my respect for your work and thank you for offering suggestions that are important to the entire ICL. Having no objections to the Final Report, I hereby declare that the course of Phase II of the Evaluation was consistent with the Methodology of the Evaluation.

Sincerely,

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