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The Polish IPN supports the Slovak ÚPN and plans future cooperation

A meeting with representatives of the Slovak counterpart of the IPN, Nation's Memory Institute (ÚPN), Chairman of the Board of Directors Ondrej Krajňák and the Director of the Secretariat of the President of the Board Pavol Kossey, took place at the IPN President's Office.







The meeting was attended by President of the IPN Dr. Jarosław Szarek, Deputy President Dr. Mateusz Szpytma, Deputy Director of the IPN

Archive Dr. Mariusz Żuławnik, Head in the National Education Office Karol Madaj and Head of Division of International Relations Agnieszka Jędrzak.

The subject of the meeting were the planned amendments to the Law on the ÚPN (the first reading in the Slovak Parliament has already been held), under which the authority at the Institute would be held by a nine-member executive board. If the law is adopted by the Parliament, the new legislation will come into force on 15 October this year.

The second theme of the meeting was the IPN participation in the November 2017 edition of the Freedom Festival in Bratislava. President of the IPN Dr. Jarosław Szarek is going to take part in the festival's gala, and together with Ondrej Krajňák and the Director of the Czech Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes Zdenek Hazdra will award the ÚPN honors to those who have special merits in the fight for democracy and human rights. Representatives of the educational division and Archive of the Institute of National Remembrance are going to conduct workshops for students and teachers and present the Institute's publishing and educational offer. A screening of the documentary *Lot "Ł"*, on exhumation works conducted on "Łączka" of the Powązkowski Cemetery is planned as well.

The festival would also feature a representative of the prosecutorial division of the IPN who would deliver a presentation about the investigation into the murder of Polish citizens on the Czechoslovak-

Austrian border. The investigation was initiated with the materials supplied by the Platform of European Memory and Conscience. Also representatives of the ÚPN declared their willingness to provide documents concerning the suspected former Czechoslovakian Minister of the Interior Lubomír Štrougal, which are located in the archives of ÚPN.

The Slovak Nation's Memory Institute remains an important foreign partner of the Institute of National Remembrance.

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