



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR THE NEW NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

As a follow-up to the international competition for the National Library of the Czech Republic and to questions raised concerning the adjudication procedure followed, a meeting was held at the UIA General Secretariat in Paris with the President of the Czech Chamber of Architects, the President of the UIA and the Director of the UIA International Competitions Commission in order to draw up the UIA's final statement with regard to this issue.

After extensive discussion and having learned the position of the Czech Chamber of Architects, the UIA releases this final statement:

The UIA recognises that the international jury, acting with the best intention of selecting the project that best fulfilled the objectives of the promoter, overruled some mandatory terms of the architectural brief which was part of the competition conditions, and in particular that concerning the location of the National Archive Collection in the building.

It was agreed that this condition influenced the basic concept of design for a number of participants.

In the light of this experience, the UIA will carefully consider the conditions for future competitions in order to avoid too restrictive clauses and thus leave the jury the necessary freedom of decision.

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