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POLAND
and
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

**Treaty concerning the Polish-Soviet State Frontier. Signed
at Moscow, on 16 August 1945**

*Polish and Russian official texts communicated by the Permanent Representative
of Poland to the United Nations. The filing and recording took place on
4 November 1947.*

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**Traité concernant la frontière polono-soviétique. Signé à
Moscou, le 16 août 1945**

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de la Pologne auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. Le classement et
l'inscription au répertoire ont eu lieu le 4 novembre 1947.*

TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION

No. 61. TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE POLISH REPUBLIC AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCERNING THE POLISH-SOVIET STATE FRONTIER. SIGNED AT MOSCOW, ON 16 AUGUST 1945

The President of the National Council of the Polish Peoples' Republic and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, being desirous of settling the question of the state frontier between Poland and the USSR in a spirit of friendship and agreement, have resolved to conclude the present Treaty for that purpose and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

For the President of the National Council of the Polish Peoples' Republic: Edward OSÓBKA-MORAWSKI, President of the Council of Ministers of the Polish Republic;

For the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Vyacheslav Mikhailovich MOLOTOV, Vice-President of the Council of Peoples' Commissars and Peoples' Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the USSR;

Who having exchanged their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

In conformity with the decision taken at the Crimea Conference, the state frontier between the Polish Republic and the USSR shall follow the "Curzon" line, with deviations of from five to eight kilometres in favor of Poland in certain regions, in accordance with the enclosed map², the scale of which is 1:500,000. The following additional territory shall be ceded to Poland:

(a) The territory east of the "Curzon line" as far as the Western Bug and the River Solokija, and south of the town of Krylov with a maximum deviation of 30 kilometres in favour of Poland.

(b) Part of the territory of the Forest of Bielowiez, in the district of Niemirów-Yalowka east of the "Curzon line", including Niemirów, Hajnowka, Bielowiez and Yalowka, with a maximum deviation of 17 kilometres in favour of Poland.

¹ Came into force on 5 February 1946, upon the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Warsaw, in accordance with Article 4.

² See insert between pages 197 and 198 of this volume.

Article 2

In accordance with the provisions of Article 1, the state frontier between the Polish Republic and the USSR shall run along the following line:

From a point approximately 0.6 kilometre southwest of the source of the River San, in a northeasterly direction to the source of the River San, thence following the median line of the River San downstream to a point south of the settlement of Solina, thence east of Przemysl, south of Rawa-Ruska to the River Solokija, thence along the River Solokija and the Western Bug to Niemirow-Yalowka, leaving the part of the Forest of Bielowiez specified in Article 1 to Poland, and thence to the meeting point of the frontiers of the Lithuanian SSR, the Polish Republic and Eastern Prussia, leaving Grodno to the USSR.

The delimitation of the frontiers mentioned in the present Article shall be carried out by a Mixed Polish-Soviet Commission, which shall have its headquarters at Warsaw and shall begin its work within fifteen days from the date of the exchange of the protocols of ratification.

Article 3

Until such time as territorial questions have been finally decided by peaceful settlement, the part of the Polish-Soviet frontier adjoining the Baltic Sea shall, in accordance with the decision taken at the Berlin Conference, follow a line starting from a point on the Eastern shore of the Gulf of Danzig, indicated on the attached map, continuing in an easterly direction north of Braunsberg-Goldap, to the point where that line meets the frontier line described in Article 2 of the present Treaty.

Article 4

The present Treaty shall be ratified as soon as possible. The Treaty shall come into force from the time of the exchange of the protocols of ratification; this exchange shall take place in Warsaw.

DONE in duplicate at Moscow on 16 August 1945 in Polish and Russian, both texts being equally authentic.

For the President of the National Council of the Polish Peoples' Republic:

[L.S.] Edward OSÓBKA-MORAWSKI

For the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:

[L.S.] V. MOLOTOV