

No. 70

**POLAND
and
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Treaty of Friendship, Mutual Assistance and Post-war Co-
operation. Signed at Moscow, on 21 April 1945**

Polish and Russian official texts communicated by the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations. The filing and recording took place on 23 January 1948.

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**Traité d'amitié, d'assistance mutuelle et de collaboration
dans l'après-guerre. Signé à Moscou, le 21 avril 1945**

Textes officiels polonais et russe communiqués par le représentant de la Pologne auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. Le classement et l'inscription au répertoire ont eu lieu le 23 janvier 1948.

TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION

No. 70. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND POST-WAR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND. SIGNED AT MOSCOW, ON 21 APRIL 1945

The President of the National Council of the People's Republic of Poland and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Being inflexibly resolved jointly to carry on the war against the German aggressor until complete and final victory is achieved;

Desiring, at this critical turning-point in the history of Soviet-Polish relations, to consolidate the friendly, allied co-operation established between Poland and the USSR during the common struggle against German imperialism;

Being persuaded that the further strengthening of good-neighbourly and friendly relations between Poland and the adjacent Soviet Union is in accordance with the vital interests of the Polish and Soviet peoples;

Being convinced that the maintenance of friendship and close co-operation between the Polish and Soviet peoples will further the successful economic development of both countries, both during and after the war;

Being anxious to give all possible support after the war to the cause of international peace and security;

Have resolved for this purpose to conclude the present Treaty and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the National Council of the People's Republic of Poland: Edward Osóbka-Morawski, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland;

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin, Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the USSR,

¹ Came into force on 21 April 1945, as from the date of signature, in accordance with article 8. The instruments of ratification were exchanged at Warsaw on 20 September 1945.

Who, after having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

The High Contracting Parties will continue, jointly with all the United Nations, the fight against Germany until final victory. In this fight the High Contracting Parties agree to render each other military and other assistance by all the means in their power.

Article 2

Believing that it is necessary, in the interests of the security and prosperity of the Polish and Soviet peoples, to maintain and strengthen a firm and lasting friendship both during and after the war, the High Contracting Parties will strengthen friendly co-operation between both countries in accordance with the principles of mutual respect for their independence and sovereignty and also of non-intervention in the internal affairs of the other State.

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties agree to take, on the conclusion also of the present war with Germany, all joint action within their power to obviate any threat of further aggression by Germany or any other Power which might be associated with Germany either directly or in any other way.

To this end the High Contracting Parties will, in a spirit of sincerest co-operation, participate in all international action for ensuring international peace and security and will fully contribute to the realization of these lofty aims.

In carrying out the present Treaty, the High Contracting Parties will act conformably to the international principles, in the adoption of which both Contracting Parties participated.

Article 4

Should either of the High Contracting Parties during the post-war period be involved in hostilities with a Germany, which had renewed her policy of aggression, or with any other State which had joined Germany in such a war either directly or in any other way, the other High Contracting Party shall without delay extend to the Contracting Party involved in hostilities military and other assistance and support with all the means at its disposal.

Article 5

The High Contracting Parties agree not to conclude without each other's consent any armistice or peace treaty either with the Hitlerite Government or with any other authority in Germany violating or likely to violate the independence, territorial integrity or security of either High Contracting Party.

Article 6

The High Contracting Parties respectively agree not to enter into any alliance or take part in any coalition directed against the other High Contracting Party.

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties will continue, on the termination of the present war, also to co-operate in a spirit of friendship with a view to the further development and strengthening of the economic and cultural ties between the two countries, and to assist one another in restoring the national economies of both countries.

Article 8

The present Treaty shall come into force immediately upon signature and shall be subject to ratification in the shortest possible time. The instruments of ratification will be exchanged in Moscow as soon as possible.

The present Treaty shall remain in force for twenty years from the date of signature. If neither of the High Contracting Parties gives notice twelve months before the expiration of the twenty-year period that it wishes to denounce the Treaty, it shall remain in force for a further five years until such time as either High Contracting Party gives notice in writing twelve months before the expiration of the current five-year period of its intention to denounce the Treaty.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty and attached their seals thereto.

DONE in Moscow on 21 April 1945 in two copies, each in the Polish and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

By authorization of the President of the National
Council of the People's Republic of Poland:
[L.S.] E. OSÓBKA-MORAWSKI

By authorization of the Presidium of the Supreme
Soviet of the USSR:
[L.S.] J. STALIN