

No. 741

**UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
and
BULGARIA**

**Treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance.
Signed at Moscow, on 18 March 1948**

Official texts: Russian and Bulgarian.

Registered by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 15 March 1950.

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**Traité d'amitié, de coopération et d'assistance mutuelle. Signé
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TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION

No. 741. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA. SIGNED AT MOSCOW, ON
18 MARCH 1948

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Presidium of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria,

With a view to the further development and strengthening of friendly relations between the USSR and Bulgaria,

Being persuaded that the strengthening of the friendship between the Soviet Union and Bulgaria is in accordance with the vital interests of the peoples of both States and will best serve to promote their economic development,

Being anxious to co-operate with one another in the interests of universal peace and security in conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

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

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Vyacheslav Mihailovich MOLOTOV, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR;

The Presidium of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria: Georgi DIMITROV, President of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria,

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

Article 1

The High Contracting Parties agree to take all joint action in their power to obviate any threat of renewed aggression by Germany or any other Power which might be associated with Germany either directly or in any other way.

¹ Came into force on 18 March 1948, as from the date of signature, in accordance with article 6. The instruments of ratification were exchanged at Sofia, on 22 April 1948.

The High Contracting Parties declare that they intend to participate, in the sincerest fashion, in all international action for ensuring peace and security and will fully contribute to the realization of these lofty aims.

Article 2

Should either of the High Contracting Parties be involved in hostilities with a Germany which might seek to renew its policy of aggression or with any other State which might be associated with Germany in a policy of aggression either directly or in any other way, the other High Contracting Party shall immediately extend to the Contracting Party involved in hostilities military and other assistance with all the means at its disposal.

The present Treaty will be implemented in conformity with the principles of the United Nations Charter.

Article 3

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

Article 4

The High Contracting Parties will consult together on all important international questions involving the interests of both countries.

Article 5

The High Contracting Parties declare that they will develop and strengthen the economic and cultural ties between the two States in a spirit of friendship and co-operation, in accordance with the principles of mutual respect for their independence and sovereignty and of non-interference in the internal affairs of the other State.

Article 6

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

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 at Sofia at an early date.

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

DONE at Moscow on 18 March 1948, in two copies, each in the Russian and Bulgarian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

By authorization of the Presidium of the
Supreme Soviet of the USSR:

(Signed) V. MOLOTOV
[SEAL]

By authorization of the Presidium of the
National Assembly of the People's
Republic of Bulgaria:

(Signed) G. DIMITROV
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