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AND YUGOSLAVIA**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2855. TREATY¹ OF ALLIANCE, POLITICAL CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA. SIGNED AT BLEĐ, ON 9 AUGUST 1954

The Contracting Parties,

Reaffirming their adherence to the principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to contribute, through their united efforts, towards the maintenance of peace, the strengthening of security and the development of international co-operation;

Resolved to ensure the territorial integrity and the political independence of their countries in the most effective manner, in conformity with the principles and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

Animated by the desire to broaden and strengthen the bases of friendship and co-operation established by the Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation concluded between their countries at Ankara on 28 February 1953,² which has been proved to be an extremely effective instrument;

Considering that the said Treaty was at all times intended to be a first step towards an alliance;

Convinced that the formation of such an alliance is necessary;

Convinced, furthermore, that the establishment of a system of collective security by the conclusion of a treaty of alliance would not only be a decisive factor for their own security and independence but would also benefit all other countries devoted to the cause of a just and equitable peace, particularly those in their region;

Have decided to conclude this Treaty and have appointed for this purpose their respective plenipotentiaries :

His Majesty the King of the Hellenes :

His Excellency, Mr. Stephanos Stephanopoulos, Minister of Foreign Affairs;

¹ Came into force on 21 May 1955, the date of deposit of the last instrument of ratification, in accordance with the terms of article XIV. The instruments of ratification were deposited with the Government of Greece on dates indicated below :

Yugoslavia	25 February	1955
Greece	30 April	1955
Turkey	21 May	1955

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 167, p. 21.

The President of the Turkish Republic :

His Excellency, Professor Fuad Köprülü, Minister of Foreign Affairs ;

The President of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia :

His Excellency, Mr. Koca Popovic, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

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

Article I

The Contracting Parties undertake to settle any international dispute in which they may become involved by peaceful means in conformity with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and to refrain in their international relations from threatening to use or using force in any way which would be incompatible with the purposes of the United Nations.

Article II

The Contracting Parties agree that any armed aggression against one or more of them on any part of their territory shall be deemed to constitute aggression against all of them, and, the Contracting Parties, exercising the right of individual or collective self-defence recognized by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, shall accordingly, individually and collectively assist the attacked Party or Parties by immediately taking, by common agreement, all measures, including the use of armed force, which they consider necessary for effective defence.

Without prejudice to article VII of this Treaty, the Contracting Parties bind themselves not to conclude peace or to make any other arrangement with the aggressor without prior common agreement among themselves.

Article III

In order to ensure the attainment of the objects of this Treaty in a regular and effective manner, the Contracting Parties pledge themselves to assist one another with a view to maintaining and strengthening their capacity for defence.

Article IV

With a view to ensuring the effective application of this Treaty it is hereby decided as follows :

1. A Permanent Council shall be formed, to be composed of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of any other members of the Governments of the Contracting Parties.

ting Parties whose presence may be desirable in the light of the exigencies of the situation and the nature of the matters to be discussed.

The Permanent Council shall meet regularly twice yearly. It may hold additional meetings whenever these are considered necessary by the Governments of all the Contracting Parties.

When not in session, the Permanent Council shall exercise its functions through the Permanent Secretariat established under the Ankara Treaty in a manner to be determined.

The Conference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs provided for in article I of the Ankara Treaty shall be replaced by the Permanent Council.

The decisions of the Permanent Council on matters of substance shall be taken unanimously.

2. The General Staffs of the Contracting Parties shall continue their joint work commenced in pursuance of articles I and II of the Ankara Treaty, with due regard to the provisions of this Treaty.

Article V

If the situation referred to in article II of this Treaty should arise, the Contracting Parties shall forthwith consult with one another and the Permanent Council shall meet without delay to determine what measures, in addition to those already adopted in pursuance of article II above, should be taken jointly to deal with the situation.

Article VI

In the event of a serious deterioration of the international situation, particularly in regions in which such a deterioration might directly or indirectly have an adverse effect on security in their region, the Contracting Parties shall consult with one another with a view to studying the situation and determining their position.

The Contracting Parties, aware that armed aggression against a country other than their own may, if extended, directly or indirectly threaten the security and integrity of one or more of their number, hereby agree as follows :

In the event of armed aggression against a country towards which one or more of the Contracting Parties owes or owe, at the time of the signature of this Treaty, an obligation to render mutual assistance, the Contracting Parties shall consult with one another concerning what measures should be taken, in conformity with the purposes of the United Nations, to deal with the situation thereby created in their region.

It is understood that the consultations contemplated in this article may include an emergency meeting of the Council.

Article VII

The Contracting Parties shall inform the Security Council of the United Nations immediately of any armed aggression directed against them and of the measures that they have taken in self-defence; they shall discontinue these measures when the Security Council has effectively applied the measures referred to in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Governments of the Contracting Parties shall likewise without delay make the statement referred to in resolution No. 378 (V)A of the General Assembly of the United Nations, dated 17 November 1950,¹ concerning the duties of States in the event of the outbreak of hostilities and shall act in conformity with that resolution.

Article VIII

The Contracting Parties reaffirm their determination not to participate in any coalition directed against any one of them and not to enter into any commitment incompatible with the provisions of this Treaty.

Article IX

The provisions of this Treaty shall not impair or be construed as impairing in any way the rights and obligations devolving upon the Parties under the Charter of the United Nations.

Article X

The provisions of this Treaty shall not impair and shall not be construed as impairing in any way the rights and obligations devolving upon Greece and Turkey under the North Atlantic Treaty of 4 April 1949.¹

Article XI

The Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation concluded between the Contracting Parties at Ankara on 28 February 1953 shall remain in effect in so far as it is not modified by the provisions of this Treaty.

The Contracting Parties agree that the provisions of article XIII of this Treaty shall apply in respect of the period of validity of the Ankara Treaty.

Article XII

The provisions of article IX of the Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation of 28 February 1953 shall apply to the present Treaty under the same conditions.

¹ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 20*, document A/1775, p. 12.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 126, p. 350.

Article XIII

This Treaty shall remain in effect for a period of twenty years.

If not denounced by one of the Contracting Parties one year before its expiry the Treaty shall be automatically renewed for the ensuing year and so on thereafter until it is denounced by one of the Contracting Parties.

Article XIV

This Treaty shall be ratified by the Contracting Parties in conformity with their respective constitutional processes. It shall enter into force on the date on which the last instrument of ratification is deposited.

The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Greece.

The Treaty shall be registered with the United Nations.

The Treaty is drawn up in the French language in three identical copies, one copy being delivered to each of the Contracting Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Plenipotentiaries of the Contracting Parties have hereunto affixed their signatures.

DONE at Bled on 9 August 1954

(Signed) S. STEPHANOPOULOS

(Signed) F. KÖPRÜLÜ

(Signed) Koca POPOVIC