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and
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No. 4731. PROTOCOL¹ ON THE TRADE DELEGATION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ. SIGNED AT BAGHDAD, ON 11 OCTOBER 1958

Seeing that under the law of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the State enjoys a monopoly of foreign trade, the Government of the USSR and the Government of the Republic of Iraq have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall have a Trade Delegation in the Republic of Iraq.

Article 2

The Trade Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the Republic of Iraq shall exercise the following functions :

- (a) Promote the development of trade relations between the USSR and the Republic of Iraq;
- (b) Represent the interests of the USSR in the Republic of Iraq in all matters relating to foreign trade;
- (c) Carry on trade between the USSR and the Republic of Iraq.

Article 3

The Trade Delegation shall form an integral part of the Embassy of the USSR in the Republic of Iraq, and shall have its headquarters at Baghdad.

The premises occupied by the Trade Delegation shall enjoy the immunities accorded to the premises of diplomatic missions.

The Trade Delegation shall be entitled to use a cipher.

The Trade Delegate of the USSR in the Republic of Iraq and his two deputies shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities accorded to members of diplomatic missions.

Employees of the Trade Delegation who are citizens of the USSR shall be exempt from taxation in Iraq on the emoluments they receive from the Government of the USSR.

Article 4

The Trade Delegation shall have a branch at Basra.

¹ Came into force on 11 October 1958 by signature in accordance with article 9.

Article 5

The Trade Delegation shall act on behalf of the Government of the USSR.

The Government of the USSR shall be responsible only for commercial contracts concluded or guaranteed in the Republic of Iraq on behalf of the Trade Delegation and signed by authorized persons. Commercial contracts concluded without the Trade Delegation's guarantee by any Soviet organizations which under the laws of the USSR enjoy the status of independent bodies corporate, shall be binding only on the organizations in question and execution in respect of contracts may be levied only on the property of those organizations. Responsibility for such contracts shall not be borne by either the Government of the USSR or its Trade Delegation in the Republic of Iraq or any other Soviet organization.

Article 6

The privileges and immunities accorded to the Trade Delegation under article 3 above shall apply also to its trading activities, with the following exceptions only :

(a) Disputes regarding commercial contracts concluded or guaranteed in the Republic of Iraq by the Trade Delegation under article 2 of this Protocol shall be subject to the competence of the courts of the Republic of Iraq, unless provision to the contrary is made under the terms of individual contracts;

(b) Forcible execution of final judicial decisions against the Trade Delegation in the above-mentioned disputes may be levied only on the property of the Trade Delegation and on goods belonging to it.

Article 7

The establishment of the Trade Delegation shall not in any way affect the rights of Iraqi commercial firms to maintain direct relations with Soviet foreign trade organizations with a view to concluding and executing commercial contracts.

Article 8

The Trade Delegation shall not be subject to the regulations governing commercial registration. It shall publish in the official publications of the Republic of Iraq the names of persons authorized to take legal action on its behalf and also information on the extent to which each such person is empowered to sign commercial contracts on its behalf.

Article 9

This Protocol shall enter into force on the day of its signature and shall remain effective until either of the Parties gives notice of its intention to terminate it. Such notice shall be given three months in advance.

DONE at Baghdad, on 11 October 1958, in duplicate, in the Russian and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

By authorization
of the Government
of the Union of Soviet Socialist
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By authorization
of the Government
of the Republic of Iraq :
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