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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 6922. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE HUNGARIAN REPUBLIC AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT BUDAPEST, ON 16 APRIL 1949

The President of the Hungarian Republic and

The President of the Czechoslovak Republic,

In the knowledge and conviction that although the peoples of Hungary and Czechoslovakia have lived for centuries as neighbours, they have failed, through the fault of their ruling classes, to understand each other's national and social aspirations and needs,

That the ruling classes have deliberately incited and fomented misunderstanding between the two peoples in order to conceal the fact that their interests are identical,

That this has enabled the ruling classes of the stronger nation to oppress the weaker nation and to stifle the growth of the two peoples' progressive forces,

That the differences thus artificially produced and constantly fostered have been exploited by foreign Powers in order to create enmity between the two nations and compel them to shed their blood in foreign — primarily German — interests,

Have resolved to put an end to this situation, which has long existed and is prejudicial to the ability of the two nations to live together, in the firm conviction

That all the causes of this unfortunate situation have been eliminated and that the assumption of power in both countries by the people has established the conditions necessary for a new and happy development of future relations between the two nations,

That co-operation resting on the foundation of people's democracy is in keeping with the vital interests of the two nations, leads to close and lasting relations between them in every sphere, and will be a significant factor in further strengthening the existing ties between the democratic and peace-loving nations and in the defence of peace and security,

¹ Came into force on 16 April 1949, upon signature, in accordance with article VII. The exchange of the instruments of ratification took place at Prague on 23 June 1949.

That the bitter experiences of the distant and recent past have shown the need for joint efforts against the threatened revival of German imperialism and for a clear affirmation of the two nations' determination to defend their freedom, independence and territorial integrity;

For this purpose they have decided to conclude a Treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

The President of the Hungarian Republic :

István Dobi, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, and
László Rajk, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

The President of the Czechoslovak Republic :

Anton Zápotocký, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, and
Dr. Vladimír Clementis, Minister for Foreign Affairs,

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

Article I

The High Contracting Parties agree to join forces in a policy of lasting friendship and to strengthen it by close co-operation in every sphere.

Article II

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

To that end the High Contracting Parties shall participate in all international action for preserving and safeguarding peace and international security and shall effectively contribute to the realization of that aim in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article III

Should either of the High Contracting Parties become involved in hostilities with Germany in the event that that country seeks to renew its policy of aggression or with any other State which might be associated with Germany in furtherance of the latter's policy of aggression either directly or in any other way, the other High Contracting Party shall immediately extend military and all other assistance to it by every available means.

Article IV

The High Contracting Parties shall consult together on all important international problems affecting the interests of the two countries or the preservation of peace and international security.

Article V

Each High Contracting Party undertakes not to enter into any alliance or participate in any action directed against the other.

Article VI

The High Contracting Parties shall develop the closest possible economic, cultural and other ties in a spirit of friendship and in accordance with the agreements concluded for that purpose.

Article VII

This Treaty shall enter into force upon signature and shall be ratified at the earliest possible date. The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Prague as soon as possible.

This Treaty shall remain in force for a period of twenty years from the date of its signature. If neither of the High Contracting Parties gives notice, twelve months before the expiry of the twenty-year period, of its desire to terminate the Treaty, it shall remain in force for a further period of five years and similarly thereafter until such time as one of the High Contracting Parties gives notice in writing, twelve months before the expiry of the current five-year period, of its intention to terminate the Treaty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the plenipotentiaries have signed this Treaty and have thereto affixed their seals.

This Treaty has been drawn up in duplicate in the Hungarian and Slovak languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Budapest, 16 April 1949.

For the President
of the Hungarian Republic :

DOBI István
RAJK László

For the President
of the Czechoslovak Republic :

A. ZÁPOTOCKÝ
V. CLEMENTIS