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**CZECHOSLOVAKIA
and
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

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**TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE
et
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Traité d'amitié, de coopération et d'assistance mutuelle.
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No. 8831. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT PRAGUE, ON 17 MARCH 1967

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the German Democratic Republic,

Confirming the purposes and principles set out in the Declaration of 23 June 1950² by the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic and the Provisional Government of the German Democratic Republic,

Noting that since the enmity fomented by German militarism and nazism has been overcome an enduring friendship has developed between the peoples of the two States,

Endeavouring further to consolidate good-neighbourly relations and all-round co-operation between the two States on the basis of the principles of socialist internationalism and to help to strengthen the unity of the socialist community,

Being convinced that the friendship between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the German Democratic Republic, which has put into practice the principles of the Potsdam Agreement,³ and the policies of both States help to safeguard peace and to create an effective system of collective security in Europe,

Being firmly resolved to combat effectively the threat to peace and international security presented by the forces of West German militarism and revanchism and, on the basis of the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955,⁴ to guarantee the security of both States and the inviolability of their frontiers against any attack,

Noting that the elimination of militarism and neo-nazism is the prerequisite for a peaceful settlement of the German question and reaffirming that the creation of a unified, peace-loving and democratic German State is possible only through the establishment of normal relations between the two German States as a result of agreements between the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany and under conditions that will guarantee the security of neighbouring States,

¹ Came into force on 26 June 1967 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Berlin, in accordance with article 12.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 504, p. 163.

³ *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 145, p. 852.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 219, p. 3.

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,
Have decided to conclude this Treaty and for that purpose have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The High Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with the principles of socialist internationalism, strengthen their friendship, develop co-operation in all fields and, on the basis of equal rights, respect for sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of the other Party, provide each other with assistance.

Article 2

The High Contracting Parties shall develop and strengthen their economic, scientific and technical relations on the basis of friendly co-operation and mutual benefit and shall, in accordance with the principles of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, implement the co-ordination of economic plans and co-operation in research, development and production, thus ensuring that the national economies of the two States continue to develop and draw closer together.

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties shall develop their relations in the fields of culture, art, science, education, health, the Press, radio, cinema and television, physical culture and tourism.

Article 4

The High Contracting Parties shall promote all-round co-operation between their respective social organizations so that the peoples of the two States may come to know one another better and draw closer together.

Article 5

The High Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, continue to contribute to the safeguarding of peace and security in Europe and throughout the world. They shall continue to pursue a policy of peaceful coexistence among States with different social systems and shall arrive for disarmament and the final elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism in all their manifestations.

Article 6

The High Contracting Parties shall consult with each other on all important international questions affecting the interests of both States.

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties note that the Munich Agreement of 29 September 1938¹ was brought about by the threat of a war of aggression and by the use of force against Czechoslovakia, that it was part of Nazi Germany's criminal conspiracy against peace and a gross violation of the basic rules of international law which already held good at that time, and that the Agreement was therefore invalid from the start, with all the consequences flowing from that fact.

Article 8

The High Contracting Parties regard West Berlin as a separate political entity.

Article 9

The High Contracting Parties are of the opinion that the attainment of a German peace settlement based on recognition of the existence of two sovereign German States and the establishment of normal relations between them meet the requirements of European security.

Article 10

In accordance with the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955, the High Contracting Parties shall effectively defend the inviolability of the State frontiers of both States, including the State frontiers between the two German States, and shall take all necessary measures to prevent aggression on the part of the forces of West German militarism and revanchism, which are seeking a revision of the outcome of the Second World War.

In the event of an armed attack on either of the High Contracting Parties by any State or group of States, the other Contracting Party shall immediately afford it military and other assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955.

In so doing, the High Contracting Parties shall act in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and immediately report the measures taken to the Security Council.

Article 11

This Treaty is concluded for a term of twenty years. Unless it is denounced by one of the High Contracting Parties twelve months before the expiry of that term, the Treaty shall remain in force for a further ten years.

¹ *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 142, p. 438.

In the event of the establishment of a unified, peace-loving and democratic German State, the further validity of the Treaty shall be reviewed.

Article 12

This Treaty is subject to ratification and shall enter into force upon the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place as soon as possible at Berlin.

The Treaty shall, in accordance with Article 102 (1) of the Charter of the United Nations, be registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations.

DONE at Prague on 17 March 1967, in duplicate in the Czech and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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