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**CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
and  
POLAND**

**Treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance.  
Signed at Warsaw, on 1 March 1967**

*Official texts: Polish and Czech.*

*Registered by Czechoslovakia and Poland on 15 March 1968.*

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**TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE  
et  
POLOGNE**

**Traité d'amitié, de coopération et d'assistance mutuelle.  
Signé à Varsovie, le 1<sup>er</sup> mars 1967**

*Textes officiels polonais et tchèque.*

*Enregistré par la Tchécoslovaquie et la Pologne le 15 mars 1968.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 9027. TREATY<sup>1</sup> OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT WARSAW, ON 1 MARCH 1967

The Polish People's Republic and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic,

Guided by the constant desire to develop and strengthen the traditional relations of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance between the two States,

Convinced that the further development of those relations is in accord with the vital interests of the peoples of both States and serves to strengthen the socialist community as a whole,

Expressing the desire to pursue consistently a policy of peaceful coexistence among States with different social systems and to continue their efforts to strengthen peace,

Recalling that both States were the victims of aggression on the part of Nazi Germany,

Noting that, while the German Democratic Republic has implemented the principles of the Potsdam Agreement,<sup>2</sup> is pursuing a consistent policy of peace and is effectively helping to safeguard European security, the West German forces of militarism and revanchism are a threat to peace,

Desiring to safeguard peace and security in Europe on the basis of the obligations arising from the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955,<sup>3</sup>

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming their loyalty to the purposes and principles stated in the Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Aid of 10 March 1947<sup>4</sup> between the Republic of Poland and the Czechoslovak Republic and noting that the said Treaty has played an important role in the development of friendly relations between the two States,

Taking into consideration the achievements of Polish-Czechoslovak co-operation during the past twenty years and the changes which have taken place in the world,

Have decided to conclude this Treaty and have for that purpose agreed as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 12 May 1967 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Prague, in accordance with article 11.

<sup>2</sup> *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 145, p. 852.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 219, p. 3.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 25, p. 231. That Treaty terminated on 10 March 1967 under the provision of its article 5.

*Article 1*

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

*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 international socialist division of labour, co-ordinate their national economic plans and promote co-operation in production, thus ensuring that the national economies of the two States will continue to develop and draw closer together.

*Article 3*

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

*Article 4*

The High Contracting Parties shall promote comprehensive co-operation between their respective social organizations in order that the peoples of the two States may come to know each other better and draw closer together.

*Article 5*

The High Contracting Parties shall continue to pursue consistently a policy of peaceful coexistence among States with different social systems and shall, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, continue their efforts to safeguard peace and security, reduce international tension, halt the arms race, achieve disarmament and eliminate colonialism and neo-colonialism in all their forms.

*Article 6*

The High Contracting Parties note that the Munich Agreement of 29 September 1938 was brought about by the threat of a war of aggression and by the use of force against Czechoslovakia, that it was part of the criminal conspiracy of the Government of Nazi Germany against peace and a gross violation of the basic rules of the contemporary international law and that, therefore, the Agreement was from the outset invalid, with all the consequences which that implies.

*Article 7*

The High Contracting Parties shall unfailingly endeavour to safeguard European security, an essential factor in which is the inviolability of the existing State frontiers in Europe.

*Article 8*

The High Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955, take all necessary steps to prevent aggression by the West German forces of militarism and revanchism or by any other State or group of States which allies itself with those forces.

*Article 9*

In the event of an armed attack on either of the High Contracting Parties by any State or Group of States referred to in article 8, the other High Contracting Party shall, in the exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defence, pursuant to Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, immediately afford it every kind of assistance, including military assistance, and provide it with every available means of support.

The High Contracting Parties shall immediately report to the Security Council any measures taken under this article and shall act in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

*Article 10*

The High Contracting Parties shall consult together on all major international problems affecting their interests.

*Article 11*

This Treaty is concluded for a period of twenty years and shall be extended for successive periods of five years if neither of the High Contracting Parties denounces it twelve months before the expiry of the current period.

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

DONE at Warsaw on 1 March 1967 in duplicate in the Polish and Czech languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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