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and
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8922. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT WARSAW, ON 15 MARCH 1967

The Polish People's Republic and the German Democratic Republic,

Noting that the two States have established good-neighbourly relations based on lasting friendship, comprehensive co-operation and mutual assistance,

Desiring further to develop and strengthen those relations on the basis of the principles of socialist internationalism,

Convinced that developing their relations in that manner serves the vital interests of both States and helps to strengthen the unity of the socialist community,

Recognizing that their friendship is an essential factor in checking the aggressive schemes of the forces of West German militarism and revanchism and firmly resolved — on the basis of the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955² — to oppose the threat to peace presented by those forces and to safeguard the inviolability of the frontiers of the two States and their territorial integrity,

Affirming their view that the implementation of the principles of the Potsdam Agreement³ by the German Democratic Republic and the conclusion of the Agreement of 6 July 1950⁴ concerning the Demarcation of the Established and Existing Polish-German State Frontier have marked an historic turning-point in the relations between the peoples of the two States,

Concurring in the view that the existence of the German Democratic Republic constitutes an important factor in safeguarding peace and that its active peace-loving policy and its participation in international co-operation are of great importance in establishing an enduring system of European security,

Noting that the defeat of militarism and neo-nazism is the prerequisite for a peaceful settlement of the German question and affirming the view that the future creation of a unified, peace-loving and democratic German State will be possible only through the establishment of normal relations between the two

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

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 219, p. 3.

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

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 319, p. 93.

German States as a result of agreements concluded between the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany and under conditions which guarantee the security of neighbouring States,

Continuing their efforts to expand relations between States with different social systems on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence and to safeguard peace and security in Europe and throughout the world,

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

Article 1

The High Contracting Parties shall, in conformity with the principles of socialist internationalism, mutual assistance and mutual benefit and on the basis of equality of rights, respect for each other's sovereignty and non-intervention in each other's domestic affairs, develop and strengthen their friendship and co-operation in all fields.

Article 2

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

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties declare that the territorial integrity of the two States as well as the inviolability of the frontier of the Polish People's Republic on the Oder and the Neisse and of the frontier between the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany are of fundamental importance to European security.

Article 4

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

Article 5

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 4, the other High Contracting

Party shall immediately provide it with assistance in conformity with the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955. In such cases, the High Contracting Parties shall act in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and shall immediately report to the Security Council the measures which have been taken.

Article 6

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

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties take the view that the establishment of normal relations between the two sovereign German States is in line with the requirements of European security.

The High Contracting Parties shall continue their efforts to bring about, on the basis of recognition of the existence of two sovereign German States, a German peace settlement which will help to safeguard peace and security in Europe.

Article 8

The High Contracting Parties shall, on the basis of friendly co-operation and mutual benefit and in accordance with the principles of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, develop and strengthen in every way the economic, scientific and technical relations between the two States and shall, in accordance with the principles of the international socialist division of labour, promote the co-ordination of economic plans and co-operation in production and in that way bring the national economies of the two States into closer harmony.

Article 9

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

Article 10

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

Article 11

This Treaty is concluded for a term of 20 years. It shall remain in force for an additional 10 years unless one of the High Contracting Parties denounces it 12 months before the expiry of the said term.

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

Article 12

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 Berlin as soon as possible.

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

DONE at Warsaw on 15 March 1967, in duplicate in the Polish and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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