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and
POLAND**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 9292. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. ~~SIGNED AT BUDAPEST, ON 16 MAY 1968~~

The Hungarian People's Republic and the Polish People's Republic,
Striving constantly to develop and strengthen the fraternal friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance, founded on centuries-old tradition, between the two peoples,

Convinced that the further development of relations between the two socialist states is in accordance with the vital interests of their peoples and serves to strengthen the socialist community as a whole,

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

Conscious of the danger to peace posed by the activities of West German militarist and revanchist forces which are seeking to alter the results of the Second World War,

Endeavouring to maintain peace and security in Europe in accordance with their obligations arising out of the Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance signed at Warsaw on 14 May 1955,²

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

Reaffirming their loyalty to the purposes and principles set out in the Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Aid between the Republic of Hungary and the Republic of Poland signed on 18 June 1948³ and declaring that the said Treaty has played an historic part in the development of relations between the two peoples,

Having regard to the achievements of socialist construction in the two States and the development of political, economic and cultural co-operation between them during the past twenty years as well as the changes which have taken place in the world during that time,

Have agreed as follows :

¹ Came into force on 28 June 1968 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification which took place at Warsaw, in accordance with Article 8.

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

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 25, p. 319.

Article 1

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

The High Contracting Parties shall continue to act with a view to strengthening the unity and solidarity of the socialist States and the friendship and fraternal relations existing between them.

Article 2

The High Contracting Parties shall, on the basis of friendly assistance and mutual benefit, develop and strengthen economic, scientific and technical co-operation between them and shall also promote the further development of co-operation within the framework of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance in conformity with the principles of the international socialist division of labour.

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties shall develop co-operation between them in the spheres of science, culture, art, education, the Press, radio, television, cinema, health, sports and tourism; they shall promote co-operation between their social organizations in order that the peoples of the two countries may become better acquainted with each other.

Article 4

The High Contracting Parties shall consistently pursue 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 and bring about disarmament and the final elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism in all their forms, and support those countries which have freed themselves from colonial domination.

Article 5

The High Contracting Parties shall, as in the past, strive to safeguard European security, one of the main pre-conditions for which is the inviolability of existing European State frontiers.

The High Contracting Parties shall take all necessary steps to prevent aggression on the part of West German militarist and revanchist forces or any other forces allied with them.

Article 6

In the event of an armed attack on one of the High Contracting Parties by any State or group of States, the other High Contracting Party shall, in exercise of the inalienable right of individual or collective self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations and in accordance with the Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance signed at Warsaw on 14 May 1955, immediately afford it all possible assistance, including military assistance, and support it with all the means at its disposal.

The High Contracting Parties shall immediately inform the Security Council of measures taken pursuant to this article and shall act in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties shall consult each other on all important international questions affecting their interests.

Article 8

This Treaty shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Warsaw as soon as possible.

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

DONE at Budapest on 16 May 1968, in duplicate in the Hungarian and Polish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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