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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
POLAND**

**Long Term Economic and Trade Agreement (with annex).  
Signed at London on 21 April 1971**

*Authentic texts: English and Polish.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on  
16 December 1971.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
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LONG TERM ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN  
IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

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The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Polish People's Republic;

Confirming their interest in the promotion and development of economic co-operation and of trade relations between their two countries, to their mutual advantage;

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1*

(1) The Contracting Parties have as their objective, and shall endeavour to create the conditions for, a continuing increase in trade between the two countries both in goods which have traditionally been exchanged between them and in new ones. They shall aim at improving the structure of trade and in particular at increasing trade in machinery and equipment and other industrial and capital goods.

(2) To this end the Contracting Parties shall, within the scope of the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries, facilitate the exchange of goods and services between the two countries on a mutually advantageous basis subject to the essential security interests of each country.

*Article 2*

(1) The Contracting Parties, taking into account the respective conditions for their participation in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade<sup>2</sup> and any subsequent modifications thereto, shall continue to apply in their mutual trade relations the principles and provisions of the said Agreement. In particular they shall grant to each other in accordance with the provisions of the said Agreement most-favoured-nation treatment in respect of customs duties and other charges as well as of regulations and formalities connected with the export and import of goods.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 April 1971 by signature, in accordance with article 12.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 1 to 9, as well as annex A in volumes 651, 661 to 665, 668, 690, 699, 735, 737, 738, 741, 753, 761 to 763, 771, 779, 788, 797 and 798.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall also accord most-favoured-nation treatment in respect of customs duties, tariffs and other charges connected with the import and export of services.

### *Article 3*

(1) Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to ensure free access to its market for imports from the territory of the other Contracting Party. In this connection trade between the two countries shall be carried on freely in accordance with the laws and regulations of each country and as allowed by their respective international obligations at the time of signature of this Agreement.

(2) The facilities to be established each year for the import into the United Kingdom of goods originating in Poland and for the import into Poland of goods originating in the United Kingdom shall be determined annually after discussion between the two Contracting Parties. This discussion shall take place in the Joint Commission established in accordance with Article 7 of this Agreement.

### *Article 4*

(1) The Contracting Parties confirm their interest in the development of all forms of co-operation in the fields of industry, technology and applied science, both in respect of mutual trade and of joint undertakings in third countries and of exports to third country markets.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall grant the most advantageous facilities possible within the limits of their respective laws and regulations for the development of such co-operation between the interested enterprises and organisations of their respective countries. To this end, in respect of mutually beneficial co-operation projects jointly recognised as falling within the terms of this Article, they shall grant to each other the most favourable treatment allowed by their respective laws and regulations and by any international obligations by which they are bound at the time of signature of this Agreement with respect to :

- (a) customs duties and charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation and exportation;
- (b) the method of levying duties or charges; and
- (c) rules, formalities and charges connected with the clearance of goods through customs.

(3) The Contracting Parties shall foster and facilitate the continued development of co-operation between enterprises and organisations in both countries, particularly with a view to the establishment of joint ventures, in accordance with the regulations in force in each country. They express their special

interest in the conclusion of arrangements for the establishment of those enterprises whose goods could be marketed in both countries and also in third countries.

(4) Deliveries of goods in accordance with co-operation projects jointly recognised as falling within the terms of this Article shall if imported from the territory of one Contracting Party into the territory of the other Contracting Party be free from quantitative restrictions which are not consistent with Article XIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

(5) The Contracting Parties shall, subject to their respective laws and regulations, facilitate the exchange of licences, know-how and patents between the institutions and enterprises of their respective countries.

(6) Unless the Contracting Parties agree otherwise, nothing in this Agreement shall affect the provisions or implementation of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Polish People's Republic for Co-operation in the field of Applied Science and Technology, signed in Warsaw on 10 October, 1967.<sup>1</sup>

(7) The Contracting Parties shall consider as quickly as possible any requests made to them to approve particular co-operation projects for the purposes of this Article.

(8) Co-operation projects which shall be regarded as falling within the provisions of this Article, together with the conditions for the recognition of such projects by the Contracting Parties, are set out in the Annex to this Agreement.

#### *Article 5*

The Contracting Parties shall make such favourable arrangements as may be possible under their respective domestic regulations in respect of credit conditions relating to trade between their two countries.

#### *Article 6*

The Contracting Parties shall refrain from discriminatory action and restrictions affecting shipping engaged in international trade and shall refrain from any action tending to hinder the participation on mutually beneficial terms of the shipping of either flag in such trade and in particular in relation to trade between their respective countries.

#### *Article 7*

(1) A United Kingdom/Polish Joint Commission shall be established composed of representatives of each of the Contracting Parties. Its functions shall be :

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 667, p. 291.

- (a) to undertake a periodic review of the implementation of this Agreement as well as the periodic review provided for in Article V of the Agreement for Co-operation in the field of Applied Science and Technology;
- (b) generally to supervise and promote the development of co-operation in the fields of trade and technology;
- (c) to carry out the annual discussions about import facilities referred to in paragraph (2) of Article 3 of this Agreement, the outcome of which would be recorded in an Agreed Minute;
- (d) to discuss any other questions arising out of this Agreement which may be proposed by the authorities of either Contracting Party.

(2) The Joint Commission shall meet annually alternately in Warsaw and London and shall meet otherwise at the request of either party at a place to be agreed on each such occasion.

(3) The Rules of Procedure of the Joint Commission shall be agreed between the Contracting Parties.

#### *Article 8*

Payments for goods and services within the terms of this Agreement shall be effected in freely convertible currency, in accordance with the foreign exchange regulations in force in the respective territories of the Contracting Parties.

#### *Article 9*

Each Contracting Party reserves the right to open consultations with the other Contracting Party in the light of its own international obligations. Such consultations however shall not call into question the basic objectives of this Agreement.

#### *Article 10*

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the fulfilment of contracts and undertakings concluded between economic organizations, institutions and enterprises in the two countries.

#### *Article 11*

In relation to the Government of the United Kingdom, the territory to which this Agreement shall apply shall be Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

#### *Article 12*

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both Contracting Parties and shall remain in force until 31 December, 1974. Thereafter it shall be

automatically extended from year to year unless one of the Contracting Parties gives to the other Contracting Party written notice of termination three months before its expiry on 31 December, 1974, or after that date, three months before the end of any subsequent yearly period of validity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at London this 21st day of April, 1971 in the English and Polish languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government  
of the United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Northern Ireland :

MICHAEL NOBLE  
ANTHONY ROYLE

For the Government  
of the Polish People's Republic :

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#### ANNEX

1. For the purpose of Article 4 of the Agreement co-operation projects shall include the following:

(a) industrial undertakings which consist of:

- (i) two-way deliveries of parts and sub-assemblies for machines and related equipment for the purpose of the joint production of an end product, and its sale under a common brand in the territories of the Contracting Parties or in third-country markets;
- (ii) deliveries of parts and assemblies produced by one partner in accordance with specifications provided by the other partner, which other partner then makes the end product;

(b) contracts for the processing by one partner of materials provided by the other partner;

(c) exchange of experience between firms and enterprises in the respective territories of the Contracting Parties, in respect of the standardisation of production, the introduction of inventions and advanced technical processes, and technical information; and

(d) trade in patents, know-how and licenses, particularly contracts which provide for mutual deliveries of supplies produced under licences which have been granted.

2. By mutual consent of the Contracting Parties other forms of co-operation may also be treated as co-operation projects for the purposes of Article 4 of the Agreement.