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

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Budapest on 21 March 1972**

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on 27 April 1973.*

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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 HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic,

Desiring to promote and facilitate the development of economic co-operation and trade relations between their countries to their mutual advantage,

Having due regard to the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Hungary signed in London on 23 July 1926,<sup>2</sup>

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties 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. In implementing the provisions of this Agreement the Contracting Parties shall aim to ensure the harmonious and balanced development of trade and its expansion year by year.

*Article 2.* (1) 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.

(2) In accordance with the principles of this Agreement the facilities for the import into the United Kingdom of goods originating in Hungary and for the import into Hungary of goods originating in the United Kingdom shall be discussed annually between the two Contracting Parties. The outcome of these discussions shall be set out in an agreed minute. The discussions shall take place in the Joint Commission in accordance with article 4 of this Agreement.

*Article 3.* (1) The Contracting Parties recognise the significant role which economic, industrial and technical co-operation may play in the further development of their economic and trade relations and confirm their interest in the development of all forms of co-operation as provided for in the Co-operation Arrangement signed at Budapest on 21 March, 1972.<sup>3</sup>

(2) Deliveries of goods in accordance with co-operation projects jointly recognised by the two Governments shall, if imported from the territory of one Contracting Party into the territory of the other Contracting Party, be free from quantitative restrictions other than those which are applied on a general basis.

*Article 4.* (1) A United Kingdom/Hungarian Joint Commission shall be established. It shall be composed of representatives of each Contracting Party. Its functions shall be :

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 March 1972 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

<sup>2</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. LXVII, p. 183.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 13 of this volume.

- (a) to undertake a periodic review of the implementation of this Agreement and to carry out the annual discussions about import facilities referred to in article 2 of this Agreement;
- (b) generally to supervise and promote the development of economic, industrial and technical co-operation in accordance with the provisions of the Co-operation Arrangement;
- (c) to undertake the periodic review provided for in article V of the Agreement for co-operation in the field of applied science and technology between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic signed at Budapest on 9 August 1967;<sup>1</sup> and
- (d) to discuss any other questions arising out of this Agreement which may be proposed by either Contracting Party.

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

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

*Article 5.* 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 6.* 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 7.* 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 8.* The 1968-72 Trade Arrangement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Hungarian People's Republic shall cease to have effect as from the date of the entry into force of this Agreement.

*Article 9.* This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall continue in force until 31 December 1974.

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

DONE in duplicate at Budapest, this 21st day of March 1972, in the English and Hungarian languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 632, p. 39.