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**UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
and
NIGERIA**

**Trade Agreement (with annexes). Signed at Moscow on 29
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TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (hereinafter referred to as “the Government of the USSR”) and the Federal Military Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as “The Government of Nigeria”) moved by the desire to strengthen the trade and economic relations between the two countries, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. 1. The Government of the USSR and the Government of Nigeria shall endeavour to increase the volume of trade between the two countries in respect of goods and commodities originating from their respective countries as listed in schedules “A” and “B” annexed to this Agreement.

2. The provisions of the present Agreement shall also apply to commodities not listed in schedules “A” and “B” but in which commercial transactions can be concluded between Nigerian legal and physical persons, and Soviet foreign trade organizations.

3. For the purpose of this Agreement, “the country of origin of goods and commodities” shall be the country where such goods and commodities were produced or manufactured. In the case of partly manufactured goods, the origin of such goods shall be the country in which any final operation has altered their character, composition or value to an appreciable extent.

Article 2. The exchange of goods and commodities between the two countries shall, at all times during the continuance of this Agreement, be subject to the laws and regulations relating to imports and exports in force in their respective countries.

Article 3. 1. The Parties hereby agree that the goods and commodities imported from each other shall not be re-exported without the prior approval of the other Party.

2. Barter transactions shall not be entered into except with the prior written consent of the appropriate authorities in both countries.

Article 4. 1. The Contracting Parties shall grant reciprocally most favoured nation treatment in respect of all matters relating to trade between the two countries.

2. The provisions of paragraph (1) of this article shall however not apply to advantages which:

- a) one of the Contracting Parties had granted or may grant to neighbouring countries in order to facilitate frontier traffic;
- b) each Contracting Party may grant to neighbouring countries, fellow member countries of a Customs Union, Free Trade Area, or a Monetary Zone already established or which may be established.

Article 5. The Contracting Parties shall grant each other the freedom of tran-

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sit of commercial goods of either of them, transported over the territory of the other Contracting Party, subject to the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

Article 6. 1. The Contracting Parties agree to set up a Joint Committee which will consist of representatives of both Parties, and which will meet from time to time to discuss measures for the expansion of mutual economic co-operation, commercial relations and the solving of problems arising from the implementation of this Agreement.

2. The Joint Committee shall discuss the summary of trade between the two countries and work out appropriate proposals based on the statistical information exchanged between the two Parties.

Article 7. Each Party shall endeavour, when arranging transportation for goods and commodities to be exchanged pursuant to this Agreement, to make use of national transport undertakings of the other provided the rates and conditions applicable to such undertakings are competitive.

Article 8. 1. The Contracting Parties shall grant each other most favoured national treatment in all matters concerning commercial navigation.

2. The Contracting Parties shall take all possible measures to enable ships of either party as well as ships chartered by legal and physical persons of either Contracting Party to carry as large a proportion as possible of goods to be exchanged under this Agreement.

Article 9. The Government of the USSR and the Government of Nigeria agree that all payments arising from or incidental to the implementation of this Agreement shall be made in a mutually agreed convertible Currency through the Banks in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

Article 10. The prices for the goods covered by the present Agreement shall be based on current world market prices.

Article 11. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of article 6, the Contracting Parties shall consult each other upon the request of one of them on measures for the expansion of mutual economic co-operation, commercial relations and the solving of problems relating to the implementation of this Agreement.

2. Any meeting called at the request of either party in pursuance of this article shall be held in a place mutually agreed upon, in as short a time as possible.

Article 12. In order to facilitate the development of trade between the two countries, the Contracting Parties shall permit the holding of exhibitions, and encourage each other to participate in Trade Fairs staged by either country, by granting necessary assistance for the organization and operation thereof.

Article 13. The Contracting Parties shall according to the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries permit free of duties the import and export of the following products:

- a) samples of goods and publicity materials, necessary only for obtaining orders and publicity;
- b) goods, products and tools which are to be used for installing trade fairs and exhibitions, on condition that such products and goods shall not be sold.

Article 14. The provisions agreed upon herein shall apply only for the purposes of the implementation of this Agreement and shall continue to be applied after its expiry to all commercial transactions concluded but not fully executed before the expiry of this Agreement.

Article 15. 1. This Agreement shall enter into force, provisionally, on the date of signature, and definitively, on the date of exchange of notes confirming that it has been approved or ratified in accordance with the constitutional procedures of the Contracting Parties and shall remain in force for a period of three years from the date of completion of exchange of notes.

2. The validity of this Agreement shall be automatically extended for a further period of two years unless written notice to terminate it had been given by either Contracting Party three months before the expiration of the first period of three years.

DONE in Moscow this 29 day October 1971 in two originals in the Russian and English languages both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Federal Military Government
of the Federal Republic
of Nigeria:

[Signed — Signé]²

ANNEX

to the Trade Agreement of 29 October 1971

SCHEDULE "A"

Goods for export from the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the USSR

Columbite	Palm oil
Tantalite concentrate	Palm kernel oil
Tin ore	Other vegetable oils
Tin smelted	Cocoa butter
Lead and zinc	Coffee
Zircon	Cocoa beans
Thorium	Spices including black pepper, ginger
Wolfram	Citrus fruits
Monazite	Bananas
Potash	Fresh pineapples
Crude petroleum oil	Other tropical fruits
Rubber	Fruits dried
Hardwood (logs, sawn, plywood)	Bees wax
Hides and skins	Gum Arabic
Cotton fibre	Vehicle tyres and tubes
Cotton piece goods	Rugs and carpets
Groundnuts and groundnut oil	Arts and crafts
Palm kernels	Cinema films, printed matter, gramophone records
Benniseed/sesame	Other goods
Other oil-seeds	
Copra	

¹ Signed by A. Manzhulo — Signé par A. Manjoulo.

² Signed by W. Briggs — Signé par W. Briggs.

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SCHEDULE "B"

Goods for export from the USSR to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Machines and equipment, including metal-cutting machine tools, power and electrotechnical equipment, including mobile electric stations and electric motors, mining equipment, hoisting and transport equipment, wood-working machine tools and saws, road building machinery, textile equipment, industrial sewing machines, pumps, compressors, polygraphic equipment	Fishing ships and navigation devices
Spare parts for machines and equipment	Rolled ferrous metals
Instruments, cinema apparatus, laboratory and medical equipment	Chemicals and dyes
Ball and roller bearings	Chemical fertilizers
Metal-cutting tools	Rubber technical manufactures
Tractors, agricultural machines and implements and spares thereof	Automobile tyres and tubes
Automobiles, passenger and trucks (including dump-trucks) and spares thereof	Window glass
Motor-cycle and bicycles	Newsprint and other paper
	Wines and Vodka
	Cotton piece goods
	Carpets
	Metal ware, china pottery
	Drugs and medicines
	Electric household goods
	Stationery
	Watches
	Cameras
	Cinema films, printed matter, gramophone records
	Other goods