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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Agreement on the development of economic, industrial,  
scientific and technological co-operation (with annex).  
Signed at London on 18 December 1973**

*Authentic texts: English and German.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on  
10 July 1974.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Accord relatif au développement de la coopération écono-  
mique, industrielle, scientifique et technologique (avec  
annexe). Signé à Londres le 18 décembre 1973**

*Textes authentiques: anglais et allemand.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le  
10 juillet 1974.*

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

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The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the German Democratic Republic;

Desiring to develop economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation between the two countries on the basis of equal rights and mutual advantage;

Wishing to make effective use of the possibilities of the economic development and technological progress of both countries and to achieve a significant development of their economic relations;

Recognising the advantages of long-term arrangements for stable co-operation;

Have agreed as follows :

*Article 1.* The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the German Democratic Republic shall work for the development of economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation with the aim of strengthening the economic relations of the two countries. For this purpose the two Governments shall grant to each other all possible facilities, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries and within the limits of their competence, in order to encourage economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation projects which they have approved.

*Article 2.* The Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, support and encourage the conclusion of long-term arrangements on economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation between firms and organisations of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the responsible legal persons of the German Democratic Republic.

*Article 3.* The conditions governing particular projects of economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation shall be agreed between the respective organisations, enterprises and firms of the two countries, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country.

*Article 4.* The Contracting Parties are of the opinion that, in view of the economic potential of the two countries, there exist opportunities for mutually advantageous co-operation in a number of fields particularly those listed in the annex to this Agreement. Further fields of co-operation may be agreed upon from time to time by the Joint Commission referred to in article 6.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 December 1973 by signature, in accordance with article 8 (1).

*Article 5.* Where this is in their mutual interest, the Contracting Parties shall encourage and support their firms and enterprises in projects of economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation in third markets.

*Article 6.* (1) The Contracting Parties agree to establish a United Kingdom/German Democratic Republic Joint Commission consisting of representatives of the two Governments.

(2) The Joint Commission shall consider concrete proposals for economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation, and shall examine new fields for such co-operation.

(3) The Joint Commission shall carry out periodic reviews of the progress of the economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation between the two countries.

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

*Article 7.* Any alterations or additions to this Agreement shall require the mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties and shall be confirmed in writing.

*Article 8.* (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of signature and shall remain in force for a period of ten years.

(2) Thereafter the Agreement shall be automatically extended from year to year unless one of the Contracting Parties gives to the other written notice of termination not less than six months before the date on which it is to expire.

(3) The expiry of this Agreement shall not prejudice the execution of any projects which are being carried out at that date nor any of the provisions made under this Agreement in respect of such projects.

*Article 9.* The Contracting Parties agree that in relation to the Government of the United Kingdom, the territory to which this Agreement shall apply shall be Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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

DONE in duplicate at London this 18th day of December 1973 in the English and German languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

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

PETER WALKER  
ANTHONY ROYLE

For the Government  
of the German Democratic Republic :

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ANNEX

Chemical industry,  
Engineering industry, including casting, forging and machinery for the plastics industry,  
Construction industry, including prefabricated sections, fittings and installations,  
Shoe making machinery,  
Textile machinery,  
Scientific instrument manufacture,  
Welding techniques,  
Automation, including automated processes,  
Office equipment,  
Electrical industry, including electrical household equipment,  
Metallurgical industries, including high quality steel production and powder metallurgy,  
Mechanical handling,  
Machine tools,  
Production engineering.

ZU URKUND DESSEN, haben die dazu ordnungsgemäss von ihren jeweiligen Regierungen Bevollmächtigten dieses Abkommen unterzeichnet.

AUSGEFERTIGT in zwei Originalen in London am 18. Dezember 1973 jedes in englischer und deutscher Sprache, wobei beide Texte die gleiche Gültigkeit haben.

Für die Regierung  
des Vereinigten Königreiches  
von Grossbritannien und Nordirland :

Für die Regierung  
der Deutschen Demokratischen  
Republik :

ANLAGE

Chemische Industrie,  
Maschinenbau, einschliesslich Guss-Schmiedetechnik und Maschinen für die Plastikindustrie,  
Bauindustrie, einschliesslich vorgefertigter Bauteile, Armaturen und Ausrüstungen,  
Maschinen für die Schuhproduktion,  
Textilmaschinen,  
Wissenschaftlicher Gerätebau,  
Schweisstechnik,  
Automatisierung, einschliesslich Automatisierungsprozesse,  
Bürotechnik,  
Elektroindustrie, einschliesslich Haushalts-elektrik,  
Metallurgische Industrie, einschliesslich Stahlveredlung und Pulvermetallurgie,  
Mechanische Transporteinrichtungen,  
Werkzeugmaschinen,  
Betriebsorganisation.