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JOINT STATEMENT¹ ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Polish People's Republic, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

In order to contribute to the liberalization of international trade,

Taking into account the fifty year history of American-Polish agricultural trade both in imports and exports, the desire of both countries to expand this trade for the mutual benefit of their economies, and the fact that Poland is an important buyer of United States agricultural commodities and an important seller of agricultural products to the United States of America,

Agreed on the following statement:

I

The two Parties will exchange on a regular basis agricultural economic information, including forward estimates on supply and demand, and trade for major agricultural commodities in order to ensure harmonious development of trade in agricultural products.

II

In July of each year the Polish Party will provide the United States Department of Agriculture with a list of agricultural commodities and their quantities which Poland intends to import for its own needs, subject *inter alia* to the availability of financing, from the United States for the following three crop years, and, as crop information becomes available thereafter, the United States Party will provide the Polish Party with estimates of market demand and export abilities.

The United States Party declares its intention to assure that Polish foreign trade enterprises may purchase commodities in the United States market, subject to availabilities, up to the levels specified in the current version of the list to be provided by Poland.

The United States Party recognizes Poland as a traditional and valuable CCC credit customer and will accord Poland's future applications for CCC credit no less favorable treatment than will be accorded to applications from other socialist countries and developed countries under the criteria then being applied in determining the availability of CCC credit.

To introduce more stability into commodity markets, the two Parties will encourage the conclusion of long term purchasing agreements between private United States exporters of agricultural commodities and Polish foreign trade enterprises.

Taking into account the importance of the volume and growth of two-way agricultural trade to both Parties, each declares its intention to facilitate bilateral trade in agricultural products. Each Party reaffirms the desirability of treating imports from the other in accordance with the most favored nation principle and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.²

¹ Came into force on 8 October 1974 by signature.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.

The Polish Party expressed appreciation for cooperation in veterinary science which has facilitated trade between the two countries and both Parties agreed to continue and expand as necessary cooperative activity in this area, as well as in phyto-sanitary control, standardization and quality control.

In furtherance of the above, a permanent working group on agricultural trade will be established within the framework of the joint American-Polish Trade Commission, and the working group will meet not less than once a year for consultations on the state of the international agricultural economy and trade between the United States and Poland. In order to promote further mutually beneficial trade, the working group will also explore the possibilities of future closer cooperation in various fields of agriculture.

Both Parties support the Tokyo Declaration on the Multilateral Trade Negotiations and agree that nothing in this declaration shall prejudice or modify existing undertaking by either country under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Washington, October 8, 1974

For the Government
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