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**BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION
and
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Agreement on economic, industrial and technical co-
operation (with annex). Signed at Leipzig on 31 August
1974**

Authentic texts: French, Dutch and German.

Registered by the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union on 10 March 1975.

**UNION ÉCONOMIQUE BELGO-LUXEMBOURGEOISE
et
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Accord pour la coopération économique, industrielle et
technique (avec annexe). Signé à Leipzig le 31 août 1974**

Textes authentiques : français, néerlandais et allemand.

Enregistré par l'Union économique belgo-luxembourgeoise le 10 mars 1975.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL
CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG
ECONOMIC UNION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GER-
MAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, acting both on its own behalf and, by virtue of existing agreements, on behalf of the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the Government of the German Democratic Republic,

Desiring, on the basis of equality of rights and mutual advantage, to encourage and intensify economic, industrial and technical co-operation, to which they attach great importance for the development of their mutual economic relations,

Wishing to use their economic and technical potential to the best effect in the interest of achieving a significant development of their economic relations,

Recognizing the usefulness of concluding long-term agreements and arrangements for the establishment of lasting co-operation,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Contracting Parties shall encourage and promote economic, industrial and technical co-operation between their countries with a view to broadening their mutual economic relations.

To that end, they shall, on the basis of reciprocity and in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their countries, take all measures which may facilitate the realization of economic, industrial and technical co-operation projects.

Article 2. The Contracting Parties shall encourage initiatives aimed at the conclusion of contracts and arrangements in accordance with this Agreement between Belgian or Luxembourg organizations and firms on the one hand, and the competent organizations, enterprises and institutions of the German Democratic Republic, on the other hand, and shall in so far as possible, promote the execution of such contracts and arrangements.

Article 3. Taking into account their respective economic potentials, the Contracting Parties believe that there are possibilities for mutually advantageous co-operation in a number of sectors, in particular those specified in the annex to this Agreement.

Other areas of co-operation may be specified later.

Article 4. The Contracting Parties shall, when it is mutually advantageous, encourage projects relating to economic, industrial and technical co-operation on third markets between the organizations, enterprises and institutions mentioned in article 2.

Article 5. The Contracting Parties may, under this Agreement, conclude other arrangements in particular sectors.

¹ Came into force on 31 August 1974 by signature, in accordance with article 8.

Article 6. A Mixed Commission composed of representatives of the Contracting Parties shall be established.

Representatives of the organizations, enterprises and institutions mentioned in article 2 may be associated with the work of the Mixed Commission.

The Mixed Commission shall have the task of discussing all specific proposals concerning economic, industrial and technical co-operation and of studying the possibilities for co-operation and the various forms of its implementations.

The Mixed Commission shall study the progress which has been made and consider problems relating to co-operation.

The Mixed Commission shall meet, at the request of one of the Contracting Parties, at least once a year alternately at Brussels and at Berlin or at any other place to be agreed upon.

Between meetings of the Mixed Commission, problems relating to co-operation may be examined through direct contacts or through correspondence between the chairmen of the two delegations and/or members of the delegations duly appointed by the chairmen.

Article 7. All amendments or additions to this Agreement shall require the written consent of the Contracting Parties.

Article 8. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature for a period of ten years.

After the said period it shall be extended automatically from year to year, unless denounced in writing by either Contracting Party on six months' notice.

The expiry of this Agreement shall not affect the continuation of projects in progress, nor the execution of contracts already concluded, nor rights acquired under this Agreement.

DONE AND SIGNED at Leipzig on 31 August 1974, in two original copies, each in the French, Dutch and German languages, all three texts being equally authentic.

For the Belgo-Luxembourg
Economic Union:

[M. TOUSSAINT]

For the Government
of the German Democratic
Republic:

[H. SOLLE]

ANNEX

TO ARTICLE 3 OF THE AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

*Sectors of mutual interest in the field of economic,
industrial and technical co-operation*

1. Machine construction,
including machine tools,
textile machinery,
agricultural machinery,
steel mills and rolling mills;
2. Electrical technology and electronics;
3. Equipment for industrial plants;
4. Chemical plants, including technology
for the processing of chemical raw materials;
5. Harbour installations;
6. Environmental protection;
7. Agriculture;
8. Exchange of patents and licences.