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TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia,

Animated by the desire to enhance the friendship between the peoples of both countries,

Aiming at further development and strengthening of trade relations between both countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Contracting Parties shall take all necessary measures within the framework of laws and rules existing in either country to ensure a continuous development of mutually beneficial trade, both in traditional and other goods.

Article 2. To advance the objectives set forth in Article 1 of this Agreement and to facilitate trade between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Socialist Ethiopia, both Contracting Parties shall reciprocally grant each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters pertaining to trade between the two countries.

Article 3. The provisions of Article 2 of this Agreement shall not apply to:

- a) Advantages which one of the Contracting Parties has granted or may grant to neighbouring countries for the purpose of facilitating frontier trade;
- b) Advantages which Socialist Ethiopia has granted or may grant in favour of any developing country in connection with its participation in free trade areas or other trade and economic agreements of developing countries.

Article 4. Import and export of goods shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and import, export and foreign exchange control laws and rules in force in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Socialist Ethiopia, and on the basis of contracts to be concluded between Soviet foreign trade organisations, on the one hand, and physical and juridical persons of Socialist Ethiopia, duly authorised to conduct import and export operations, on the other hand.

Competent authorities of both countries shall freely issue, whenever necessary, import and export licences for goods which shall be the subject of trade.

Article 5. The Contracting Parties shall encourage negotiations on contracts between Soviet foreign trade organisations and physical and juridical persons of Socialist Ethiopia, duly authorised to conduct import and export operations.

Article 6. Any goods agreed upon between Soviet foreign trade organisations and physical and juridical persons of Socialist Ethiopia, duly authorised to conduct import and export operations, may be the subject of import and export of goods within the framework of this Agreement.

¹ Applied provisionally from 22 July 1977, the date of signature, and came into force definitively on 14 August 1978, the date of exchange of notes confirming its approval, in accordance with article 16.

Article 7. Prices for goods which are internationally quoted and which are the subject of trade within the framework of this Agreement, shall be established at the current prices of main world markets for the corresponding goods.

Prices for goods which are not internationally quoted shall be established at competitive prices for corresponding goods of similar quality.

Article 8. All payments between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Socialist Ethiopia shall be effected in freely convertible currency in accordance with foreign exchange control rules in force in either country.

Article 9. Goods imported from one country into the other may only be re-exported to third countries with the prior approval of competent authorities of the exporting country.

Article 10. The Contracting Parties shall render each other assistance in respect to participation in trade fairs held in either country and in the organisation of permanent or temporary exhibitions of one of the countries in the territory of the other on conditions to be agreed upon between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

Article 11. Subject to the conditions existing for temporary admission to the territory of either Contracting Party, the following articles shall be exempted from customs duties, taxes and other charges of similar nature at the importation and exportation:

- a) Articles intended for use as samples and advertising materials of no commercial value;
- b) Articles and goods brought in for fairs and exhibitions provided that they shall not be sold;
- c) Articles and materials temporarily brought in for processing, repairing and treatment provided that they shall be taken back out;
- d) Tools and devices used for assembly and installation of equipment provided that they shall be taken back out.

Article 12. Each Contracting Party shall grant, in its ports, to merchant vessels of the other Contracting Party most-favoured-nation treatment which is granted to merchant vessels of any third country. However, this provision shall not apply to vessels engaged in coastal navigation.

The Contracting Parties shall encourage preferential participation of Soviet and Ethiopian vessels in transportation of goods to be delivered in accordance with this Agreement.

Article 13. Representatives of the Contracting Parties shall meet upon mutual agreement to review the implementation of this Agreement and elaborate, should it prove necessary, appropriate recommendations.

Article 14. Provisions of this Agreement shall be applied after its expiry to all contracts concluded during its validity but not fully executed prior to the expiry of the Agreement.

Article 15. Each Contracting Party may have in the territory of the other Contracting Party its Trade Representation.

The legal status of the Trade Representations shall be determined by the Contracting Parties in a separate agreement.

Article 16. The present Agreement is subject to approval by the competent authorities of each of the Contracting Parties, according to the procedure in force in each of the countries. It will come into force provisionally on the date of signature and finally on the date of exchange of notes confirming such approval.

This Agreement shall be valid during three years. It shall be renewed by tacit agreement of the Contracting Parties for subsequent one-year periods unless one of the parties gives the other Party a three months' written notice of its intention to terminate it, prior to expiry of the respective one-year period.

Article 17. From the date of signing of this Agreement the validity of the Soviet-Ethiopian Trade Agreement of July 11, 1959,¹ shall terminate.

DONE at Moscow on July 22, 1977, in two original copies, each in the Russian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

By authority of the Government
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]²

By authority of the Provisional
Military Government
of Socialist Ethiopia:

[Signed — Signé]³

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 730, p. 151.

² Signed by A. Manzhulo — Signé par A. Manjulo.

³ Signed by Ashagre Yigletu — Signé par Ashagre Yigletu.