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**ETHIOPIA  
and  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Treaty of friendship and co-operation. Signed at Moscow  
on 20 November 1978**

*Authentic texts: Russian, Amharic and English.*

*Registered jointly by Ethiopia and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on  
24 September 1979.*

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et  
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES  
SOVIÉTIQUES**

**Traité d'amitié et de coopération. Signé à Moscou le  
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*Enregistré conjointement par l'Éthiopie et l'Union des Républiques  
socialistes soviétiques le 24 septembre 1979.*

## TREATY<sup>1</sup> OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Socialist Ethiopia,

Believing that the further development and strengthening of the relations of friendship and all-round co-operation which have come into being between them meet the basic national interests of the peoples of the two countries and serve the cause of strengthening peace and security throughout the world;

Desirous of making their corresponding contribution to the development of peaceful relations between States and fruitful international co-operation;

Determined to advance social and economic achievements of the Soviet and Ethiopian peoples;

Inspired by the ideals of consistent struggle against imperialism and expansionism as well as against colonialism, racism, *apartheid* in all their forms and manifestations and being guided by the desire to render support to the peoples fighting for their freedom, independence and social progress;

Reaffirming their adherence to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter, including the principles of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other;

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Basic Principles of Friendly Relations and Co-operation between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Socialist Ethiopia of May 6, 1977, and motivated by the desire to consolidate still further these relations of friendship and mutually beneficial co-operation between the two States and peoples;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The High Contracting Parties shall develop and deepen the relations of unbreakable friendship and comprehensive co-operation in the political, economic, trade, scientific and technical, cultural and other fields on the basis of equality, non-interference in internal affairs, respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of borders.

*Article 2.* The High Contracting Parties declare that they shall closely cooperate in every way in ensuring the conditions for preserving and further developing socio-economic achievements of their peoples and respect for the sovereignty of each of them over all their natural resources.

*Article 3.* The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics respects the policy pursued by Socialist Ethiopia based on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity<sup>2</sup> and the nonaligned movement which constitutes an important factor in the development of international co-operation and peaceful co-existence.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 3 April 1979 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Addis Ababa, in accordance with article 15.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 479, p. 39.

Socialist Ethiopia respects the peace-loving foreign policy pursued by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which is aimed at strengthening friendship and co-operation with all countries and peoples.

*Article 4.* The High Contracting Parties shall continue to make every effort to safeguard international peace and the security of peoples, deepen the process of international détente, extend it to all areas of the world, lend it concrete forms of mutually beneficial co-operation between States, and settle international controversial issues by peaceful means without prejudice to the legitimate rights of States to defend themselves, individually or collectively, against aggression, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. They shall actively contribute to the cause of general and complete disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, under effective international control.

*Article 5.* The High Contracting Parties shall continue actively to work for the complete elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism, racism and *apartheid*, and the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.<sup>1</sup>

*Article 6.* The High Contracting Parties shall consult each other on important international questions directly involving the interests of the two countries.

*Article 7.* In the event of situations which constitute a threat to or a breach of international peace, the High Contracting Parties shall endeavour to immediately contact each other with a view to co-ordinating their positions in the interests of removing the threat that has arisen or restoring peace.

*Article 8.* The High Contracting Parties shall, attaching great importance to economic, trade and scientific co-operation between them, expand and deepen co-operation and the exchange of experiences in these fields. The Parties shall expand all-round co-operation between them on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual benefit and most-favoured-nation treatment.

*Article 9.* The High Contracting Parties shall promote the further development of ties and co-operation between them in the fields of science, culture, art, literature, education, health, press, radio, cinema, television, tourism, sports and in other fields for the purpose of a more profound mutual acquaintance with the life, work, experience and achievements of the peoples of the two countries.

*Article 10.* In the interests of ensuring the defense capability of the High Contracting Parties, they shall continue to co-operate in the military field.

*Article 11.* Each of the High Contracting Parties declares that it shall not enter into any alliance or participate in any alignment of States or in actions or measures directed against the other High Contracting Party.

*Article 12.* The High Contracting Parties declare that the provisions of the present Treaty are not inconsistent with their commitments under international treaties in force and undertake not to enter into any international agreements incompatible with this Treaty.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/4684)*, p. 66.

*Article 13.* Any questions that may arise between the High Contracting Parties with regard to the interpretation or application of any provision of this Treaty shall be resolved on a bilateral basis in the spirit of friendship, mutual respect and understanding.

*Article 14.* This Treaty shall remain in force for twenty years after its entry into force.

Unless either High Contracting Party declares, one year prior to the expiration of the said period, its desire to terminate the Treaty, it shall remain in force for the successive periods of five years until one of the High Contracting Parties gives, one year prior to the expiration of the current five-year period, a written notice of its intention to terminate it.

*Article 15.* This Treaty shall be subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification, which shall take place in Addis Ababa as early as possible.

This Treaty is made in two copies, each in the Russian, Amharic and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Moscow on November 20, 1978.

For the Union of Soviet  
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For Socialist Ethiopia:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by L. I. Brezhnev — Signé par L. I. Brejnev.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Mengistu Haile Mariam — Signé par Mengistu Haïlé Mariam.