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**GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
and  
MOZAMBIQUE**

**Treaty of friendship and co-operation. Signed at Maputo  
on 24 February 1979**

*Authentic texts: German and Portuguese.*

*Registered jointly by the German Democratic Republic and Mozambique  
on 1 April 1980.*

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**Traité d'amitié et de coopération. Signé à Maputo le  
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*Enregistré conjointement par la République démocratique allemande et  
le Mozambique le 1<sup>er</sup> avril 1980.*

[TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>]TREATY<sup>3</sup> OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN  
THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

The German Democratic Republic and the People's Republic of Mozambique,

Acknowledging their parties' and their peoples' fraternal friendship and co-operation established already during the armed national liberation struggle of the people of Mozambique and based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism,

Firmly determined to contribute towards the creation of favourable conditions for continuing the revolutionary process in the world,

Desiring to further promote the fraternal friendship and co-operation between the German Democratic Republic and the People's Republic of Mozambique and thus to contribute towards strengthening the natural anti-imperialist alliance between the socialist States and the national liberation movements and towards further uniting all forces fighting for peace, democracy and social progress,

Inspired by the ideals of the struggle against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and *apartheid*,

Determined to contribute towards strengthening the peace and security of all peoples,

Resolved to further develop the social and economic achievements of the two States and to assist each other in this endeavour,

Reaffirming their loyalty to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Have resolved to sign this Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation, and have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The High Contracting Parties solemnly manifest their resolve to strengthen and broaden the friendship between the two States and peoples and to co-operate in the interest of the further development of the socio-economic achievements of their peoples. They will further develop their political, economic, scientific-technical and cultural relations and, in doing so, be guided by the principles of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference in internal affairs and equality.

They will enhance co-operation and direct contacts between the political and social organizations of the two States.

*Article 2.* The High Contracting Parties will make every effort to expand mutually advantageous economic co-operation and to intensify exchanges of

<sup>1</sup> Translation supplied by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction fournie par le Gouvernement de la République fédérale d'Allemagne.

<sup>3</sup> Came into force on 23 August 1979 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Berlin, in accordance with article 14.

experience in the fields of industry, agriculture, fishery, transport and telecommunications, in the training of personnel and in other areas.

Both States will further develop their co-operation in trade on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual advantage and most-favoured nation treatment.

*Article 3.* The High Contracting Parties will develop their co-operation in science and technology, art, literature, education, public health, the press, radio broadcasting, the cinema, sports and other fields with a view to promoting mutual acquaintance with the life and the achievements of the two peoples.

*Article 4.* The German Democratic Republic and the People's Republic of Mozambique pursue a policy of peace, aimed at strengthening friendship and co-operation among all peoples.

The German Democratic Republic appreciates the peace policy of the People's Republic of Mozambique as an essential factor for the maintenance of world peace and for détente and international security and pays tribute to the policy of non-alignment of the People's Republic of Mozambique. The People's Republic of Mozambique appreciates the peace policy of the German Democratic Republic as an essential factor for the maintenance of world peace and for détente and international security.

*Article 5.* In the interest of strengthening their defence capabilities, the High Contracting Parties will fix the modalities of their co-operation in the military field by bilateral agreements.

*Article 6.* The High Contracting Parties will continue their struggle for peace in the world and for the strengthening of international security. They undertake efforts to deepen international détente with a view to extending it to all regions and making it irreversible. In order to banish war forever from the life of the peoples, they work towards achieving general and complete disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, under effective international control.

*Article 7.* The High Contracting Parties advocate the establishment of a new international economic order on an equal and democratic basis and free from imperialist exploitation. They subscribe to the sovereign right of peoples to exercise control over their natural resources.

*Article 8.* The High Contracting Parties will continue, as before, to fight consistently against the forces of imperialism and for the final elimination of fascism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and *apartheid*. They work for the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. They subscribe to the right of peoples to freely choose their road of development.

Both States support the just struggle of the peoples for freedom, national independence and social progress and will undertake joint efforts and co-operate with all other peace-loving States to attain these ends.

*Article 9.* With a view to enhancing the intensity and extending the scope of their co-operation, harmonizing foreign policy actions and discussing international issues of mutual interest, the High Contracting Parties will exchange information and views and conduct consultations at various levels.

*Article 10.* Should there arise a situation threatening or violating the peace, the High Contracting Parties will contact each other without delay in order to

harmonize their positions regarding the removal of such dangerous situation or the restoration of peace.

*Article 11.* Each of the High Contracting Parties solemnly declares that it will not enter into any alliance, or participate in any action, directed against the other High Contracting Party.

*Article 12.* The High Contracting Parties declare that their obligations under this Treaty are not contradictory to previous international agreements to which either of them is a party, and they undertake not to enter into any international accord inconsistent with this Treaty.

*Article 13.* Any question that may arise between the High Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of this Treaty shall be resolved by direct bilateral negotiation in a spirit of friendship, mutual respect and mutual understanding.

*Article 14.* This Treaty is subject to ratification. It shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification which shall take place in Berlin, capital of the German Democratic Republic.

*Article 15.* This Treaty is concluded for a period of twenty years and shall thereafter be automatically extended by further periods of five years unless one of the High Contracting Parties expresses the desire in writing, twelve months before the validity expires, to terminate it.

DONE in Maputo on 24 February 1979 in two copies in the German and Portuguese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the German Democratic Republic:

[Signed]

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For the People's Republic of Mozambique:

[Signed]

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