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## TRADE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of Jamaica,

Desirous of developing and strengthening trade and economic relations between their two countries on a basis of equality and mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties shall grant each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters pertaining to trade between the two countries.

The above provisions of this article shall not apply to:

- (a) Benefits, favours, privileges and exemptions which either of the Contracting Parties has granted or may in the future grant to any of its neighbouring countries to facilitate frontier traffic.
- (b) Benefits, favours, privileges and exemptions which have been granted or may in the future be granted by either Contracting Party to any country which is a member of a free-trade area, or other regional or sub-regional integration movement, of which the Contracting Party granting them is a member, in accordance with the progress of its relations with the members of that movement.
- (c) Benefits, favours, privileges and exemptions which have been granted or may in the future be granted by Jamaica to any other developing country.
- (d) Benefits, favours, privileges and exemptions accorded by Jamaica within the framework of the Commonwealth of Nations.

*Article 2.* Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent either Contracting Party from applying such measures as it may consider appropriate for the preservation of its national security, public health, animal and plant welfare, national artistic, historical or archeological patrimony, gold and silver, and coins minted in these metals, and to safeguard its external financial position and balance of payments.

*Article 3.* The importation and exportation of goods between the two countries shall be effected on the basis of contracts, which may include long-term contracts, to be concluded between Soviet foreign trade organizations and Jamaican natural and juridical persons and associations in accordance with the laws of either country. The competent authorities of the two Contracting Parties shall without hindrance issue, when necessary, import and export licences for the goods which will be the subject of trade.

*Article 4.* The sale and delivery of goods within the framework of this Agreement shall be effected according to mutually agreed prices based on current prices generally prevailing on the main world markets for such goods.

*Article 5.* All current payments between the two countries shall be made in freely convertible currency, subject to the foreign exchange regulations effective in either country.

This does not, however, preclude the conclusion of other payments arrangements to facilitate trade if the Contracting Parties so agree.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 19 December 1977 by signature, in accordance with article 11.

*Article 6.* The Contracting Parties shall, subject to such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon by the competent authorities of the two countries, facilitate:

- (a) Participation by each other in trade fairs to be held in either country;
- (b) The organization by each other of permanent and temporary exhibitions to be held by one of the countries in the territory of the other.

*Article 7.* The two Contracting Parties shall allow the importation and exportation of the following items, which shall be exempt from customs duties, taxes and other charges of a similar nature:

- (a) Items to be used as samples and materials used for promotion provided they are not for sale.
- (b) Items and products to be imported for fairs and exhibitions provided they are not sold.
- (c) Items to be imported temporarily for processing, working and repair.
- (d) Tools and devices to be imported temporarily for use in the assembly and erection of equipment.

*Article 8.* Jamaican goods exported to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Soviet goods exported to Jamaica in pursuance of this Agreement may be re-exported with the prior consent of the competent Jamaican and Soviet authorities respectively.

*Article 9.* Representatives of both Contracting Parties shall meet, at the request of either Contracting Party, not less than once a year alternately in Kingston and Moscow to review the implementation of this Agreement, [and] work out, if necessary, appropriate recommendations aimed at facilitating and expanding trade between the two countries.

*Article 10.* All disputes relating to any commercial transaction concluded in accordance with the present Agreement which cannot be settled amicably shall be resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedures provided for in the contracts.

*Article 11.* This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain valid for three years. It shall, by tacit agreement of the Contracting Parties, be renewed for successive three-year periods, unless not less than six months prior to the expiration of any three-year period as aforesaid either Contracting Party gives to the other Contracting Party written notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

*Article 12.* The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to be applied after it has expired to all contracts concluded but not fully performed before the termination of this Agreement.

DONE at Kingston, Jamaica, on the 19th day of December 1977, in duplicate in the Russian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

[Signed—Signé]<sup>1</sup>  
For the Government  
of the Union of Soviet  
Socialist Republics

[Signed—Signé]<sup>2</sup>  
For the Government  
of Jamaica

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<sup>2</sup> Signed by P. Patterson—Signé par P. Patterson.