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TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS

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

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 or advantages 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 or advantages resulting from customs unions or free trade areas to which either Contracting Party is or may become a party;
- (c) Benefits or advantages which have been granted or may in the future be granted by Mauritius to any other developing country;
- (d) Benefits or advantages accorded by Mauritius within the framework of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Article 2. The import and export of goods shall be effected subject to import, export and foreign exchange control laws and regulations in force in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and in Mauritius on the basis of contracts concluded between Soviet foreign trade organisations, on the one part, and physical and juridical persons and associations of Mauritius, on the other part.

The competent authorities of both Contracting Parties shall, subject to the laws and regulations in force in either country, issue in good time import and export licences in respect of goods for which such licensing is required.

Article 3. 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 4. Juridical and physical persons of either country shall enjoy most-favoured-nation treatment in respect of personal protection and protection of property when effecting commercial activities in the territory of the other country provided that their enjoyment of such treatment shall be subject to the laws and regulations of that country.

Article 5. The sale and delivery of goods within the framework of this Agreement shall be effected according to the prices mutually agreed between the buyers and the sellers, based on the current prices on the main world markets in respect of such goods.

¹ Came into force on 25 July 1979 by signature, in accordance with article 12.

Article 6. All current payments between the two countries shall be made in freely convertible currency subject to the foreign exchange regulations effective in either country.

Article 7. The Contracting Parties shall facilitate each other's participation in trade fairs to be held in either country and in organisation of permanent or temporary exhibitions by one of the Parties in the territory of the other, subject to such conditions as shall be agreed upon by the competent authorities of both countries.

Article 8. Articles and equipment necessary for trade fairs and exhibitions as well as articles intended as trade samples and/or promotional materials of no commercial value shall be, subject to the respective laws of the two countries, exempted from customs duties, taxes and other dues of similar nature.

Article 9. Representatives of the Contracting Parties shall, at the request of either Contracting Party and within a period of not more than six months of the request, meet to review the progress of this Agreement and work out recommendations intended to fulfil the objectives of the Agreement.

Article 10. 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.

Article 11. 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 12. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain valid for three years. It shall be renewed for successive periods of three years provided that not less than six months before the expiry of the respective period of validity of the Agreement either Contracting Party gives written notice to the other Contracting Party of its intention not to renew the Agreement.

DONE at Port Louis on the 25th day of July 1979, in duplicate in the Russian and English languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of the Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics:

[Signed]

E. K. MEDVEDEV

For the Government
of Mauritius:

[Signed]

S. RAMGOOLAM