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**GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
and
HUNGARY**

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[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

TREATY³ OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

The German Democratic Republic and the Hungarian People's Republic,

Mindful of the fraternal friendship and all-round co-operation existing between the German Democratic Republic and the Hungarian People's Republic on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and socialist internationalism,

Willing to further develop their friendly relations on a broad scale for the benefit of the two States and peoples and of the community of socialist countries and to promote the law-governed process of progressing convergence between the socialist countries and nations,

Attaching great importance to further improving their political and ideological co-operation and to developing and deepening socialist economic integration,

Inspired by the desire to ensure, in keeping with the principles and aims of socialist foreign policy as determined by proletarian internationalism, optimum international conditions for the building of socialism and communism,

Attaching primary importance to the protection of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the two States against any assault,

Determined strictly to fulfil the obligations arising from the Warsaw Treaty⁴ of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955,

Reaffirming that it is the common internationalist duty of the socialist countries to support, strengthen and protect the socialist gains achieved through the heroic efforts and dedicated work of the peoples,

Firmly resolved to work for the further strengthening of peace and security in Europe and the world at large and to make their contribution to the development of fruitful and mutually beneficial co-operation on the European continent, on the basis of the collectively formulated principles governing relations between States with different social systems, and resolutely to oppose all forces that are hostile to détente,

Convinced that the system of treaties concluded between socialist and capitalist States and its further development is of basic importance for ensuring security and the inviolability of the existing frontiers in Europe,

Considering that the German Democratic Republic, having lived up to the principles of the Potsdam Agreement,⁵ as a sovereign and independent socialist State, became a full-fledged Member of the United Nations,

Intending to further develop the contractual basis of their mutual relations, and taking into account the changes that have taken place in Europe and the world at large,

¹ Translation supplied by the Government of the German Democratic Republic.

² Traduction fournie par le Gouvernement de la République démocratique allemande.

³ Came into force on 11 July 1977 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Budapest, in accordance with article 10.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 219, p. 3.

⁵ *British and Foreign State Papers*, vol. 145, p. 852.

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,
Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The High Contracting Parties, in keeping with the principles of socialist internationalism, shall continue to expand and strengthen their relations of everlasting and indestructible friendship and of fraternal mutual assistance in all fields. They shall systematically and steadily develop and deepen their all-round co-operation and render each other every assistance and support on the basis of respect for each other's State sovereignty and independence and of equal rights and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

Article 2. The High Contracting Parties shall combine their efforts for the purpose of building the socialist and communist society and strengthening the socialist community and make more effective use of the material and spiritual potential of their peoples and States.

Guided by the principles and aims of socialist economic integration and with a view of ever better satisfying the material and cultural needs of their peoples, they shall strengthen and expand mutually advantageous bilateral and multilateral economic, scientific and technological co-operation, including co-operation within the framework of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance.

Both Parties shall continue co-ordinating and harmonizing their national economic plans on a long-term basis, extend the degree of specialization and co-operative arrangements in production and research, exchange the experience and knowledge acquired in the process of building socialism and communism, and ensure ever closer co-operation between the national economies of the two States with a view to increasing the efficiency of social production.

Article 3. The High Contracting Parties shall promote co-operation between their organs of State power and between their social organizations. They shall further intensify co-operation in the fields of science, culture, education, literature and art, the press, radio, cinematography and television, health, protection of the environment, tourism, physical culture and sport, and in other areas. They shall support the development of direct contacts between workers of the two countries and will help to bring the two peoples closer together.

Article 4. The High Contracting Parties shall do everything possible to promote the further development of fraternal relations between all the States of the socialist community and shall work constantly to strengthen their unity and cohesion. They are ready to take the measures necessary to protect and defend the historic achievements of socialism and the security and independence of both countries.

Article 5. The High Contracting Parties shall also in future consistently work for the implementation of the principles of peaceful coexistence of States with different social systems and for the expansion and intensification of the process of détente in international relations, and they shall play an active part in the endeavour to banish war for all times from the life of peoples. They shall make persistent effort to protect international peace and the security of peoples from assaults of aggressive forces of imperialism and reaction, to halt the arms race, to promote general and complete disarmament, to bring about the final elimination of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations, and to support the States which have liberated themselves

from colonial oppression in their striving to consolidate their national independence and sovereignty.

Article 6. The High Contracting Parties consider that the main precondition for maintaining European security is the inviolability of the State frontiers in Europe, and they are firmly resolved, jointly and in concert with the other States parties to the Warsaw Treaty, to guarantee the inviolability of the frontiers of the States parties to that Treaty as they were established as a result of the Second World War and post-war developments, including the frontiers between the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Parties shall exert joint efforts to counter any manifestations of revanchism and militarism and will work for strict compliance with the treaties concluded with a view to strengthening European security.

Article 7. In conformity with the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971,¹ the High Contracting Parties shall maintain and develop their ties with West Berlin on the understanding that it is not a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and continues not to be governed by it.

Article 8. In the event of an armed attack on one of the High Contracting Parties by any State or group of States, the other High Contracting Party shall regard such event to be an attack upon itself and shall immediately afford the first-mentioned Party every kind of assistance, military included, and support it with all the means at its disposal, in exercise of the right to individual or collective self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

The High Contracting Parties shall immediately notify the Security Council of the United Nations of the measures taken pursuant to this Article and shall act in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 9. On all important international issues, the High Contracting Parties shall inform and consult each other and proceed in their actions from the joint position agreed upon in accordance with the interests of the two States.

Article 10. This Treaty is subject to ratification and shall enter into force with the exchange of instruments of ratification, which will take place in Budapest.

Article 11. This Treaty is concluded for a term of 25 years and shall be extended for successive terms of ten years unless one of the High Contracting Parties, twelve months before the expiry of the current term, expresses its desire to terminate it.

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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 880, p. 115.