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and
CONGO**

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on 13 May 1981**

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Republic of the Congo, hereinafter referred to as the "High Contracting Parties",

Considering that the further development and strengthening of the relations of friendship and harmonious co-operation between them are in accord with the vital national interests of the people of the two countries and serve the cause of peace throughout the world,

Inspired by the ideals of the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and racism in all their forms and manifestations and by the unswerving desire to give maximum support to peoples struggling for freedom, independence and social progress,

Determined to promote the strengthening of international peace and security in the interests of the peoples of all countries,

Supporting the unity of all progressive forces in the struggle for peace, freedom, independence and social progress and considering that the development of friendly relations and co-operation between the socialist and the developing countries is in accord with their common interests,

Inspired by the desire to strengthen and consolidate the relations of friendship and mutually advantageous co-operation between the two Governments and peoples and to create a basis for the continued development of these relations,

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

Have agreed as follows:

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

Article 2. The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate closely to ensure conditions favourable to the maintenance and development of the 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 of non-alignment pursued by the People's Republic of the Congo, which is an important factor in the development of international co-operation and peaceful co-existence.

The People's Republic of the Congo respects the policy of the defence of peace pursued by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics with a view to the strengthening of friendship and co-operation with all countries and peoples.

¹ Came into force on 19 March 1982, the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Brazzaville, in accordance with article 14.

Article 4. The High Contracting Parties shall continue to make every effort to safeguard international peace and the security of peoples, to further the process of international détente, extend it to all regions of the world and embody it in specific forms of mutually advantageous co-operation among States, and to settle international disputes by peaceful means. They shall promote actively the cause of general and complete disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, under effective international control.

Article 5. The High Contracting Parties shall continue to wage a steadfast struggle against the forces of imperialism and for the final elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism, racism and *apartheid* and to promote the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate with each other and with other peace-loving States in supporting the just struggle of peoples for their sovereignty, freedom, independence and social progress.

Article 6. The High Contracting Parties shall consult each other regarding all important international questions affecting the interests of the two States.

Article 7. In the event of situations arising which constitute a threat to the peace or a breach of peace, the High Contracting Parties shall seek immediate contact with each other for the purpose of co-ordinating their positions in the interest of removing the said threat or of restoring peace.

Article 8. The High Contracting Parties shall make every effort to consolidate and expand the mutually advantageous political, economic, social, cultural and scientific and technical co-operation between them. To this end, they shall extend and deepen their co-operation in the fields which are the subjects of special agreements.

The High Contracting Parties shall develop their commercial exchanges and the merchant shipping between them on the basis of the principles of equality of rights, mutual advantage and most-favoured-nation treatment.

Article 9. The High Contracting Parties shall promote the development of friendly and co-operative relations between the socio-political and cultural organizations of their countries in order to foster a deeper mutual acquaintance with the life, work, experience and achievements of their peoples.

Article 10. Each of the High Contracting Parties declares that it will not participate in any actions or measures directed against the other High Contracting Party.

Article 11. The High Contracting Parties declare that this Treaty does not affect their rights and obligations under existing international treaties concluded with their participation and they undertake not to conclude international agreements incompatible with this Treaty.

Article 12. Any questions which may arise between the High Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of this Treaty shall be resolved bilaterally in a spirit of friendship, mutual respect and understanding.

Article 13. This Treaty shall be valid for a term of 20 years.

If neither of the High Contracting Parties gives notice, six months before the expiry of the above-mentioned term, of its desire to terminate the Treaty, it shall be extended for successive five-year terms until such time as one of the High Contracting Parties gives written notice, six months before the expiry of the current five-year term, of its intention to terminate it.

Article 14. This Treaty is subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Brazzaville.

Article 15. The High Contracting Parties shall transmit a copy of this Treaty to the United Nations Secretariat for registration.

Article 16. This Treaty has been drafted in duplicate in the Russian and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Moscow on 13 May 1981.

For the Union of Soviet
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