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Enregistré par la Bulgarie le 12 décembre 1985.*

TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA

The People's Republic of Bulgaria and Socialist Ethiopia,

Proceeding from the relations of close friendship, solidarity and cooperation, existing between the two countries, based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism;

Convinced that the further strengthening and promotion of these relations is in the interest of the two countries and contributes to the safeguarding and the consolidation of their revolutionary achievements;

Guided by the principles and the just goals of their foreign policies in the desire to secure most favourable international conditions for the building of a socialist society in their countries;

Resolved to expand the unity of action between the countries of the socialist community and the progressive and democratic forces fighting for peace, independence, freedom and social progress and against aggression and international reaction;

Making common cause in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and *apartheid* in all their forms and manifestations;

Resolved to contribute to the consolidation of international peace and security in the interest of all countries;

Re-affirming their faith in the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

Have decided to conclude this Treaty and have agreed on the following:

Article 1. The High Contracting Parties shall develop and deepen unswervingly their political relations on the basis of the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity, inviolability of boundaries and non-interference in domestic affairs, close friendship and solidarity between the two peoples.

Article 2. The High Contracting Parties shall endeavour to consolidate and enhance a mutually advantageous economic cooperation between them on the basis of the principles of equality. For this purpose they shall intensify their cooperation in the fields of agriculture, industry, transport, communications and other economic fields.

Article 3. The High Contracting Parties shall contribute to the extension of relations and cooperation in the fields of science, technology, culture, education, mass media, sports, tourism and other spheres and shall encourage to this end the development of cooperation in all other fields.

Article 4. The High Contracting Parties shall assist each other in the training of cadres and shall exchange experience accumulated in the process of building socialism in both countries.

¹ Came into force on 11 July 1981 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Addis Ababa, in accordance with article 12.

Article 5. The High Contracting Parties shall develop their cooperation in the military field with a view to strengthening their defence capability.

Article 6. The High Contracting Parties shall continue to wage a sustained struggle against the forces of imperialism, colonialism, racism and *apartheid* in all their forms and manifestations, for social justice and progress and shall support the just struggle of peoples under colonial and racist subjugation.

Article 7. The High Contracting Parties shall work for the attainment of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. They shall also make every effort to consolidate international peace and security, promote international détente, enhance the principle of non-use of force in international relations and the solution of international disputes through peaceful means, without prejudice to the right to individual or collective self-defence against aggression.

Article 8. The High Contracting Parties shall endeavour to cooperate in the political and diplomatic fields and shall exchange information and hold consultations as may be necessary on issues of mutual interest.

Article 9. Each High Contracting Party solemnly declares that it shall not take part in military or other alliances or groupings of states, as well as in actions and undertakings, aimed against the other High Contracting Party.

Article 10. This Treaty does not concern the rights and obligations of the two High Contracting Parties assumed under other bilateral and multilateral agreements, concluded with their participation.

Article 11. All questions that may arise between the two High Contracting Parties with regard to the interpretation or application of this Treaty shall be settled in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding.

Article 12. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification by the two High Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional processes. It shall enter into force upon the exchange of the instruments of ratification which shall take place at Addis Ababa.

Article 13. This Treaty shall remain in force for a period of twenty years and shall be extended for successive periods of five years unless one of the High Contracting Parties gives at least one year's notice in writing of its desire to terminate it.

DONE at Varna on the 14th day of July 1980 in the Bulgarian, Amharic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of discrepancy the English text shall prevail.

For the People's Republic
of Bulgaria:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For Socialist Ethiopia:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Todor Zhivkov — Signé par Todor Jivkov.

² Signed by Mengistu Haile Mariam — Signé par Mengistu Haile Mariam.