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**SWEDEN
and
CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

**Long-term Trade Agreement (with exchange of letters and a
declaration). Signed at Stockholm on 30 March 1973**

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**SUÈDE
et
TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE**

**Accord commercial à long terme (avec échange de lettres et
déclaration). Signé à Stockholm le 30 mars 1973**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par la Suède le 25 avril 1986.

LONG TERM TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

The Government of Sweden and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic,

Considering that favourable conditions exist for further expansion of trade and economic relations;

Being desirous of promoting and facilitating the development of trade and economic relations between their two countries, to their mutual advantage;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The two Governments have as their objective, and shall endeavour to create the conditions for, a continuing and substantial increase in trade between the two countries both in goods which have traditionally been exchanged between them, and in new ones. They thus confirm their interest in a more diversified trade.

Article 2

1) The exchange of goods between the two countries shall be effected in accordance with the rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and this Agreement.

2) The competent authorities shall try to the fullest extent possible to simplify the administrative formalities concerning import and export.

3) The facilities to be established each year for the import into the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic of goods originating in Sweden and for the import into Sweden of goods originating in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic shall be determined annually and recorded in a protocol in accordance with Article 5 of this Agreement.

Article 3

The two Governments taking into consideration the particular importance of industrial co-operation for the future development of their economic relations, confirm their interest in the development of all forms of such co-operation between enterprises and organizations of the two countries.

Article 4

All payments between the two countries shall be effected in free convertible currency, in accordance with the laws and exchange control regulations in force.

Article 5

A Mixed Commission, composed of representatives of the two Governments, shall be established in order to review the implementation of this Agreement.

¹ Came into force on 30 March 1973 by signature, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1973, in accordance with article 6.

The Mixed Commission shall carry out the annual discussions about facilities referred to in Article 2 of this Agreement, the outcome of which would be recorded in a Protocol.

The Mixed Commission shall examine the development of the trade between the two countries, consider problems which may arise out of the implementation of this Agreement or any other questions arising in the mutual trade relations which may be proposed by either side.

The Mixed Commission may make proposals or recommendations to the respective Governments aiming at a further development of the exchange of goods between the two countries.

The Mixed Commission shall meet annually alternately in Sweden and in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and shall meet otherwise at the request of either Government at a date and place to be agreed on each such occasion.

Article 6

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall be effective as from January 1, 1973 until December 31, 1977. Thereafter this Agreement shall be automatically extended, each time for a period of one year, unless either Government gives written notice of termination no later than three months before its expiry.

This Agreement replaces the Trade Agreement signed on January 26, 1967.

DONE in Stockholm on March 30, 1973, in duplicate, in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Sweden:

KJELL-OLOF FELDT

For the Government of the Czechoslovak
Socialist Republic:

A. BARČÁK

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

I

Stockholm, March 30, 1973

Mr. Chairman,

With reference to the Long Term Trade Agreement signed today between the Government of Sweden and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic I have the honour to inform you that the following is the understanding of the Government of Sweden:

The two Governments confirm their understanding that the exchange of goods between the two countries shall take place on the basis of the world market prices. Where no world market prices exist the prices to be considered should be those which are generally applied for such goods on the principal markets. Should difficulties as to prices arise the two Parties shall immediately consult each other with a view to find prompt and appropriate measures to overcome the difficulties.

I would appreciate your confirmation that the above is also the understanding of the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.

HANS V. EWERLÖF

II

Stockholm, March 30, 1973

Mr. Chairman,

I confirm the receipt of your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

I confirm, Mr. Chairman, that the above is also the understanding of the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to renew the assurance of my highest consideration.

A. KILLIAN

Stockholm, March 30, 1973

Declaration by the Chairman of the Swedish Delegation

In the course of the negotiations which have led to the signing today of the Long Term Trade Agreement between the Government of Sweden and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the Swedish Government have stated that it will be their objective to eliminate by the end of 1974 quantitative restrictions on imports of goods originating in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic which are inconsistent with Article XIII of the GATT.

Should, exceptionally, certain quantitative restrictions on imports from the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic have to be maintained for important particular reasons after the end of 1974, the Swedish Government declare that in that event they will be prepared to discuss such remaining restrictions in the Mixed Commission under this Agreement.

HANS V. EWERLÖF