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**AUSTRIA  
and  
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Treaty on cooperation in the field of environmental protection. Signed at Vienna on 24 October 1985**

*Authentic text: German.*

*Registered by Austria on 12 July 1988.*

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**AUTRICHE  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Traité de coopération dans le domaine de la protection de l'environnement. Signé à Vienne le 24 octobre 1985**

*Texte authentique : allemand.*

*Enregistré par l'Autriche le 12 juillet 1988.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Republic of Austria and the German Democratic Republic, desirous of promoting cooperation between the two States in the field of environmental protection,

Have agreed to conclude the following Treaty:

*Article 1*

The Contracting States shall promote cooperation in the field of environmental protection, focusing their efforts on the solution of issues of interest to the two parties and designated by them as having priority.

*Article 2*

1. Cooperation pursuant to article 1 shall take place in particular through:

(a) The exchange of experience in the fields of planning and organization of environmental protection and environmental management, as well as in the relevant applied research;

(b) Exchange of experts and other persons active in the field of environmental protection for purposes of information and training;

(c) Exchange of scientific publications, specialized journals and legislative texts issued in the two Contracting States, as well as of other regulations and guidelines relevant to environmental protection;

(d) Participation in scientific meetings concluded in one of the two Contracting States.

2. The Contracting States shall encourage their institutions active in the field of environmental protection to cooperate with and issue invitations to each other, and shall promote these activities.

*Article 3*

Where experts and other persons active in the field of environmental protection are sent on assignment, the sending party shall pay the costs of travel. The receiving party shall bear the subsistence costs, including the costs of travel within the host country in accordance with the purpose of the assignment;

And resolved to provide for the best possible protection of the environment in the two States in accordance with the objectives and principles embodied in the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held at

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 July 1988, i.e., the first day of the third month following the month of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Berlin on 7 April 1988, in accordance with article 7 (2).

Stockholm in 1972,<sup>1</sup> and in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (Helsinki, 1975).<sup>2</sup>

#### *Article 4*

In implementation of this Treaty, work plans each covering a three-year period shall be agreed upon by the competent authorities alternately in each of the Contracting States. In these work plans, more detailed agreements shall be drawn up, in accordance with the principles of equity and mutual benefit, concerning the exchange of experts and the scope, duration and conditions — particularly financial conditions — of their stay in the host country.

#### *Article 5*

In their mutual relations within the framework of this Treaty, the Contracting States shall seek to give consideration to the further development of international law in the field of environmental protection.

#### *Article 6*

This Treaty is concluded for a period of five years. It shall be renewed for further five-years periods unless one of the Contracting States denounces it in writing, through the diplomatic channel, not later than six months before the expiry of the current period.

#### *Article 7*

1. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification.
2. This Treaty shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the month during which the exchange of instruments of ratification takes place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the plenipotentiaries of the two Contracting States have signed this Treaty and affixed thereto their seals.

DONE at Vienna on 24 October 1985 in two original copies.

For the Republic of Austria:

STEYRER

For the German Democratic Republic:

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session (A/CONF.48/14/Rev.1)*.

<sup>2</sup> *International Legal Materials*, vol. 14 (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).