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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Syrian Arab Republic,

Having regard to the traditional ties of close friendship, solidarity and all-round mutually beneficial co-operation between them;

Inspired by the desire to strengthen and develop these ties, which correspond to the national interests of the peoples of the two countries and contribute to the safeguarding and consolidation of their progressive achievements;

Proceeding from their common resolve to strive for the triumph of the cause of peace and security throughout the world, and for the development of relations and fruitful co-operation among States;

Determined to strengthen the anti-imperialist front, to offer firm resistance to the policy of aggression pursued by imperialism and its tools, and to continue the struggle against colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism in all its forms and manifestations, including zionism;

Seeking to strengthen unity of action and cohesion among all forces in the world fighting for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress;

Believing that co-operation between them will help to promote the common struggle for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

Confirming their commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including the principles of respect for sovereignty, national independence, territorial integrity and non-intervention in internal affairs;

Have decided to conclude this Treaty and have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The High Contracting Parties solemnly proclaim their determination steadily to develop and strengthen the traditional friendship and fruitful co-operation and solidarity between the two States and peoples in the political, economic, scientific and technical, cultural and other fields on the basis of the principles of equal rights, mutual benefit, respect for sovereignty, national independence, territorial integrity and non-intervention in each other's internal affairs.

Article 2. The High Contracting Parties shall work for the continual strengthening and broadening of economic and scientific and technical co-operation and the exchange of experience between them on the basis of the principles of equal rights and mutual benefit. The Parties shall expand trade and shipping between the two countries on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual advantage and most-favoured-nation treatment.

Article 3. The High Contracting Parties shall continue to develop their co-operation and exchanges of experience in the fields of science, culture, art, literature,

¹ Came into force on 23 October 1987 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Sofia, in accordance with article 16.

education, public health, radio and television, the cinema, tourism, sports and other fields.

Article 4. The High Contracting Parties shall promote the expansion of contacts and co-operation between State authorities, professional and other mass and social organizations, manufacturing enterprises and cultural and scientific institutions and authorities, so that the two peoples may become better acquainted with each other's life, work and achievements.

Article 5. The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate with a view to ensuring the preservation and further development of the social and economic achievements of their peoples and respect for the sovereignty of each Party over its natural resources.

Article 6. The High Contracting Parties shall contribute by all available means to the strengthening of peace and security in the world, to the achievement of international *détente*, to the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means and to the elimination of any manifestations of a policy of hegemonism and aggression from the practice of international relations, and shall actively co-operate with each other with a view to the cessation of the arms race and to general and complete disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, under effective international control.

Article 7. The High Contracting Parties condemn colonialism, racism and zionism and reaffirm their determination to wage a steadfast struggle against them. They shall co-operate with each other and with other peace-loving and freedom-loving States in providing support to the struggle of the peoples for freedom, independence and social progress and for the establishment of new international economic relations on a just and equal basis.

Article 8. The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate with each other with a view to the attainment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Article 9. The People's Republic of Bulgaria respects the policy of non-alignment pursued by the Syrian Arab Republic, which is an important factor in the development of international co-operation, the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security and the reduction of international tension in the world.

The Syrian Arab Republic respects the peace-loving and constructive foreign policy pursued by the People's Republic of Bulgaria, dedicated to the deepening of friendship with all countries and peoples and the strengthening of security and the development of co-operation in the Balkans, in Europe and in the world.

Article 10. The High Contracting Parties shall develop and expand the practice of mutual exchanges of information and views and the holding of regular consultations on questions concerning bilateral relations and on international problems of mutual interest, and especially on the problems of the Middle East. The consultations and exchanges of information and views shall be conducted at different levels and primarily by means of personal meetings between leading State officials of the two Parties.

Article 11. Should any situations arise which constitute a threat to the peace or security of one of the two Parties or a breach of international peace and security,

the High Contracting Parties shall immediately establish contact, for the purpose of co-ordinating their positions and joint co-operation in order to remove the threat that has arisen and to restore peace.

Article 12. Each of the High Contracting Parties solemnly declares that it will not join any alliances or groups of States or participate in any actions or measures directed against the other High Contracting Party.

Article 13. The High Contracting Parties declare that this Treaty is not directed against a third country and does not affect their rights and obligations under existing bilateral and multilateral commitments entered into by them and that their obligations under existing international treaties do not conflict with the provisions of this Treaty, and undertake not to conclude any international agreements incompatible with it.

Article 14. Any differences which may arise between the High Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of this Treaty shall be settled by them on a bilateral basis and in a spirit of friendship, mutual respect and understanding.

Article 15. This Treaty shall remain in force for a period of twenty years from the date of its entry into force and shall be automatically extended for successive five-year terms, unless one of the High Contracting Parties gives notice in writing, six months before the expiry of the current term, of its intention to terminate it.

Article 16. This Treaty is subject to ratification in accordance with the constitutional processes of the High Contracting Parties. It shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Sofia.

DONE at Damascus on 30 April 1985, in duplicate in the Bulgarian and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the People's Republic
of Bulgaria:

[Signed]

TODOR ZHIVKOV

For the Syrian Arab Republic:

[Signed]

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