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**TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE
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TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON YOUTH COOPERATION ACTIVITIES BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the German Democratic Republic, hereinafter referred to as the High Contracting Parties,

Conscious of the joint responsibility for a peaceful future, the further strengthening of fraternal friendship and the close ties between the two States and their peoples in the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between the German Democratic Republic and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic of 3 October 1977,²

Bearing in mind the great importance of further intensifying their friendly relations and of comprehensive cooperation, as socialist neighbour States and allies in the context of the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance,³ for the strengthening of socialism and the safeguarding of peace and security in Europe,

Convinced of the significant role played by the young generation in strengthening friendly relations between the socialist States, in making still closer the ties between their peoples and in the intensification of socialist economic integration,

Guided by the desire to develop further and to enrich in content and form the friendly cooperation, mutual contacts and personal friendship between German and Czechoslovak children and young people, in keeping with the new requirements of social development in the two States,

Recognizing the special importance attached to the intensification of patriotic and internationalist education of children and youth in the spirit of the progressive traditions of the history of relations between the peoples of the two States, especially the history of the working-class movement and the common anti-Fascist struggle,

Bearing in mind the growing significance of closer cooperation between the socialist youth associations of the two States for the strengthening of socialism and for peace, disarmament and understanding among peoples,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

This Treaty is concluded for the purpose of the further comprehensive promotion, strengthening and intensification of the internationalist alliance between the youth of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the youth of the German Demo-

¹ Came into force on 2 November 1989 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Berlin, in accordance with article 19.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1211, p. 43.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 219, p. 3.

cratic Republic and the establishment of a new basis for a higher degree of cooperation between them.

Article 2

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the development of forms and methods of friendly cooperation and the establishment of diverse personal contacts between children and young people in all spheres of society through close cooperation between the competent State authorities, organizations and institutions and between social organizations, primarily the Socialist Youth Association and Free German Youth.

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties shall endeavour to ensure that, in conformity with the content and form of cooperation agreed upon in this Treaty, the young generation of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and of the German Democratic Republic will:

Work for the maintenance of peace in the world and the prevention of nuclear war, the success of the peaceful policies of the socialist community and the strengthening and defence of socialism;

Regard the further building of socialist society as their responsibility and contribute actively and creatively to the realization of the policies of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and the Socialist Unity Party of Germany;

Make even fuller use of the opportunities provided by socialist democracy and contribute actively to the development of the national economies of the two States;

Act in the spirit of socialist patriotism and proletarian internationalism, uphold and intensify friendship with the Soviet Union and other States of the socialist community and act in the spirit of anti-imperialist solidarity;

Maintain and uphold the revolutionary traditions of the international workers' movement and the precious cultural and progressive historical heritage of the peoples of the two States, esteem the part played by the Czech and Slovak peoples and by German anti-Fascists in the victory over fascism and make their own active contribution to the strengthening of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of the two States;

Oppose the spread of the ideology and policy of imperialism, militarism and revanchism and participate actively in the world-wide struggle for progress and social justice.

Article 4

The High Contracting Parties shall continue to regard cooperation between socialist youth associations, on the basis of agreements concluded between them, as the foundation for the development of comprehensive cooperation between the young generations of the two States.

The High Contracting Parties shall support the exchange of experience relating to the participation of the young generation and socialist youth associations in the building of socialist society in the two States and support the activities of the young generation in the political, social, economic, cultural and scientific fields. In particular, they shall pursue issues which involve the creative activities of youth, the improvement of the working and living conditions of young people, the use of their leisure time and their participation in the shaping and protection of the environment.

They shall support cooperation and coordinated action by the socialist youth associations of the two States in the context of the international children's, youth and student movements.

The High Contracting Parties shall support the activities of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other international organizations aimed at the realization of the basic democratic rights of the young generation.

Article 5

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the activities of socialist youth associations with a view to meetings between young delegates of national missions at all levels and to the furtherance of exchanges of experience relating to representation of the young generation's social interests.

Article 6

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the wider development of decentralized cooperation, especially the strengthening of friendly relations between regions, districts, towns, institutions, schools, educational establishments, enterprises and workers' collectives. In that connection, special attention shall be devoted to the comprehensive exchange of experience between young workers in industry and agriculture, trade-unionists, students, scientists, artists and athletes and to the holding of friendly meetings of the youth of the two States.

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties shall strive to ensure that the direct contacts between enterprises, cooperatives and other organizations in industry and agriculture are used for the further strengthening of cooperation between young people and economic initiatives taken by them in the spheres of production, science and technology. Special attention shall be given to questions of automation and robotics, microelectronics, computer technology and biotechnology, to the development of processes leading to savings in equipment, raw materials and energy, to the shaping and protection of the environment and to areas of progress in agriculture, forestry, water management and the food industry. The High Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of young skilled workers, technicians and scientists and their mutual participation in the scientific and technological creativity of youth. They shall, in collaboration with the trade-union organizations of the two States, encourage the exchange of experience between young workers.

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the cooperation of youth in dealing with common tasks pertaining to production, science and rationalization in all spheres of the national economy. They shall foster the exchange of apprentices in the context of practical training in production, the development of joint initiatives and the organizing of joint work in youth collectives in the areas of production, science and technology. Each shall, in conformity with domestic legislation, promote opportunities for young persons to engage in short-term employment in the other State during their holidays.

Article 8

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the intensification of cooperation between young people on the basis of agreements between the authorities and

organizations of the Revolutionary Trade-Union Movement and the Free Association of German Trade Unions.

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the more extensive involvement of younger trade unionists in holiday exchange visits between the trade-union organizations of the two States. They shall likewise promote the development of holiday exchange visits for children at the level of organizations and the utilization of the unoccupied capacity of trade-union holiday resorts for the joint accommodation of young people.

Article 9

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the broader development of youth tourism and the expansion of youth exchange visits as important means for the political education of the young generation.

The High Contracting Parties shall, to the limit of their ability, create conditions for a reciprocal expansion of youth exchange visits with a view to giving young people a fuller knowledge of the language, culture and history of the two States and increasing their direct contacts and shall facilitate reciprocal holiday stays with host families. They shall likewise promote cooperation between youth tourist organizations and the development and use of joint youth tourist establishments in the two States.

Article 10

The High Contracting Parties shall, with a view to the sound development of the young generation, foster cooperation between the two States' sports and physical-culture organizations and establishments at all levels. They shall support the exchange of sports experience and skills at industrial and agricultural enterprises and establishments, in residential areas and at holiday and recreation centres and also support the wider involvement of the young generation in regular sport activities.

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the wide use of opportunities for cooperation in training young athletes and in organizing competitions for teams of children and young persons. They shall likewise promote the exchange of experience in the area of personal-achievement sports.

Article 11

The High Contracting Parties shall, as part of their efforts for the maintenance of peace and international security, promote the active role of youth in upholding the defence capacity of the two States and ensuring friendship between young members of the armed forces of the two States. They shall also support the activities of the Association for Cooperation with the Army of Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and of the Society for Sports and Technology of the German Democratic Republic in military-political training and military sports training, the pre-military training of young people and the popularizing of the various types of sport carried on in those organizations.

Article 12

The High Contracting Parties shall support the activities of the Czechoslovak Association of Anti-Fascist Fighters and the Committee of Anti-Fascist Resistance Fighters of the German Democratic Republic in the education of the young generation. To this end they shall encourage meetings of youth collectives of the two States

which bear the names of anti-Fascists and personalities who have made outstanding contributions to the founding and development of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the German Democratic Republic.

Article 13

The High Contracting Parties shall foster the development of cooperation in the field of primary, secondary and higher education for the purpose of further strengthening friendly ties between pupils, apprentices, students and young teachers of the two States, deepening their knowledge of life in the other State and enriching such cooperation by means of new types of content, forms and methods.

The High Contracting Parties shall focus their attention on enhancing direct contacts between primary, secondary and higher educational establishments, particularly in frontier areas.

The High Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the education and further education of students, young teachers and scientific workers of higher educational establishments. They shall create the conditions for further improving the comprehensive education of Bohemian scholars in Czech, Slovak and German studies.

The High Contracting Parties shall support joint participation in the resolution of research and development problems in science, technology and production, industry, building construction and agriculture, in the context of national student competitions and the arranging of joint student conferences and of exchanges of collective and individual student brigades.

The High Contracting Parties shall promote scientific cooperation in the field of research activities relating to the problems of youth on the basis of agreements between the competent research establishments of the two States.

Article 14

The High Contracting Parties shall encourage the close cooperation of youth in the field of culture and art through the participation of young cultural workers, individual artists and ensembles in cultural exchanges between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the German Democratic Republic, especially in the celebration of culture days between the two States. They shall encourage joint creative activity by young artists and talented young people.

The High Contracting Parties shall foster direct contacts through arrangements between higher and specialized educational establishments in the field of art and in the context of friendly ties between houses of culture, youth clubs and other cultural establishments for youth.

Article 15

Each of the High Contracting Parties shall help to ensure that the reporting by the mass information media about the life of young people in the other State is systematic and rich in content. They shall support direct cooperation between the editorial offices of youth newspapers and periodicals, especially the regular exchange of journalists, information and printed and photographic material. They shall likewise encourage the development of direct cooperation between the two States' producers of radio and television broadcasts on subjects relating to youth and the exchange and joint production of radio and television programmes for youth.

The High Contracting Parties shall work for greater involvement of young journalists in cooperation between the mass information media of the two States. They shall encourage cooperation between publishing houses for children and young people.

Article 16

The High Contracting Parties shall establish a Friendship Council as a joint coordinating body. The Council shall evaluate the status of the implementation of this Treaty and make recommendations to State authorities, institutions and social organizations concerning the development of cooperation between the youth of the two States.

The Council shall be made up, on the basis of parity, of representatives of socialist youth associations, State authorities, institutions and other social organizations of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the German Democratic Republic to which this Treaty relates. Each of the High Contracting Parties shall nominate a co-president of the Council. Meetings of the Council shall be held annually, alternately in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the German Democratic Republic.

Article 17

In the relevant agreements concluded by the competent authorities, organizations and institutions of the two States for the fulfilment of the obligations arising out of this Treaty and out of other agreements falling within the scope of this Treaty, questions concerning the material and financial provisions for individual areas of cooperation shall also be dealt with.

Article 18

This Treaty shall not affect the rights and obligations arising out of other international treaties in force between the two States.

Article 19

This Treaty is subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

Article 20

This Treaty is concluded for a term of 10 years. Its validity shall be automatically extended thereafter for successive terms of five years unless one of the High Contracting Parties gives notice in writing, at least six months before the expiry of the current term of validity, of its intention to terminate the Treaty.

DONE at Prague on 3 May 1989, in duplicate in the Czech and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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