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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE
POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ON CO-OPERATION IN THE
FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Republic of Austria and the Polish People's Republic (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

Desiring to promote co-operation between the two countries in the field of environmental protection,

And having decided to ensure the best possible protection of the environment in the two States in conformity with the goals and principles contained in the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held at Stockholm in 1972,² and in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,³ and in accordance with the multilateral agreements in the field of environmental protection which are binding on the two Contracting Parties,

Have agreed to conclude the following Agreement:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote co-operation in the field of environmental protection and shall concentrate their efforts on the solution of problems of interest to the two Parties, which they have designated as being of prime importance.

Article 2

1. Cooperation shall encompass primarily:

- (a) Methods of measuring and reducing pollutants in the air;
- (b) Identification of the causes of damage to forests and measures for its reduction;
- (c) Prevention, utilization and safe disposal of wastes;
- (d) Exchange of experience and information regarding measures for soil protection;
- (e) Exchange of experience and information regarding measures for the protection of bodies of water;
- (f) Environmental education.

2. Cooperation shall be carried out in the following forms:

- (a) Exchange of experience in the planning and organization of the protection and management of the environment, and of relevant applied research;

¹ Came into force on 1 March 1990, i.e., the first day of the third month after the expiry of the month in which the Contracting Parties notified each other (on 14 and 22 December 1989) that it had been approved in conformity with their constitutional requirements, in accordance with article 7.

² *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment*, Stockholm, 5 to 16 June 1972, A/CONF.48/14/REV.1.

³ (Helsinki Conference), see *International Legal Materials*, vol. 14 (1975) p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

(b) Exchange of experts and other persons active in the field of environmental protection for the purpose of mutual information and broadening of their knowledge;

(c) Exchange of scientific publications, professional journals, texts of laws and other relevant regulations and guidelines governing environmental protection issued by either Contracting Party;

(d) Participation in specialized scientific meetings organized by either Contracting Party.

3. The Contracting Parties shall encourage their State and private institutions active in the field of environmental protection to co-operate fully in the area of the technology of the environmental protection installations.

Article 3

When experts and other persons active in the field of environmental protection are sent on mission, the travel expenses shall be covered by the sending Party. The receiving Party shall cover the subsistence costs, stay and travel expenses within the host country which are related to the purpose of the visit.

Article 4

For the implementation of this Agreement, the competent authorities shall, alternately in each of the Contracting Parties, agree upon work plans each covering a three-year period and shall evaluate the work of the previous period. The work plans shall specify the subject-areas of co-operation and, taking account of the principles of parity, reciprocity and mutual advantage, shall also contain detailed agreements on the exchange of experts and on the scope, duration and conditions in particular those of a financial nature — of their stay in the host country.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour, in their mutual relations under this Agreement, to take account of the further development of international law in the field of environmental protection.

Article 6

This Agreement shall be concluded for a period of five years. Its validity shall be extended for a further five years unless it is denounced in writing through the diplomatic channel by either Contracting Party not later than six months before the expiry of the current term.

Article 7

This Agreement is subject to approval in accordance with the constitutional law of each of the Contracting Parties and shall enter into force on the first day of the third month after the expiry of the month in which the Contracting Parties notify each other through the diplomatic channel that the relevant internal requirements for its entry into force have been fulfilled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Plenipotentiaries of the two Contracting Parties have signed this Agreement and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Vienna on 24 November 1988, in duplicate in the German and Polish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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