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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY and POLAND

Treaty concerning the demarcation of the established and existing Polish-German state frontier. Signed at Warsaw on 14 November 1990

Authentic texts: German and Polish.

Registered by Germany on 28 January 1993.

RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE et POLOGNE

Traité confirmant la frontière entre elles. Signé à Varsovie le 14 novembre 1990

 $Textes\ authentiques: allemand\ et\ polona is.$

Enregistré par l'Allemagne le 28 janvier 1993.

[Translation — Traduction]

TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE POLISH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE DEMARCATION OF THE ESTABLISHED AND EXISTING POLISH-GERMAN STATE FRONTIER

The Federal Republic of Germany and the Polish Republic,

Desiring to structure their mutual relations in a forward-looking manner in accordance with international law, particularly the Charter of the United Nations and the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, signed at Helsinki, as well as the documents of the follow-up Conferences,²

Resolved to contribute jointly to the creation of a European system of peace in which borders no longer divide and which affords all the peoples of Europe coexistence in a climate of confidence, full cooperation for the benefit of all, and lasting peace, freedom and stability,

Profoundly convinced that the unification of Germany as a state with definitive borders is a significant contribution to peace in Europe,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Final Settlement with respect to Germany, signed on 12 September 1990,

Mindful of the fact that 45 years have passed since the end of the Second World War, and aware that the great suffering caused by that war, particularly the loss of their homes sustained by many Germans and Poles as a result of displacement or evacuation, constitutes an exhortation and a challenge to establish peaceful relations between their two peoples and States,

Desiring through the development of their relations to establish firm foundations for friendly coexistence, and to pursue a policy of lasting understanding and reconciliation between Germans and Poles,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties confirm their established and existing frontier, which is demarcated by virtue of the Agreement of 6 July 1950³ between the German Democratic Republic and the Polish Republic concerning the demarcation of the established and existing Polish-German State frontier, and in the instruments concluded for its application and in order to supplement it (Instrument Confirming the Demarcation of the State Frontier between Poland and Germany, signed on 27 January 1951,³ and the Treaty between the German Democratic Republic and the Polish People's Republic on the Delimitation of the Sea Areas in the Oder Bay, signed on

¹ Came into force on 16 January 1992 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Bonn, in accordance with article 4 (2).

² International Legal Materials, vol. XIV (1975), p. 1292; vol. XVII (1978), p. 414; vol. XXII (1983), p. 1395; vol. XXVIII (1989), p. 527; vol. XXIX, No. 4 (1990), p. 1054 (American Society of International Law); United Nations, Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth session, document No. A/45/859, p. 3; and International Legal Materials, vol. XXXIV, No. 3 (1995), p. 764 (American Society of International Law).

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 319, p. 93.

22 May 1989)¹ as well as the Agreement of 7 December 1970, between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Polish People's Republic concerning the basis for normalization of their mutual relations.²

Article 2

The Contracting Parties declare that the existing frontier between them shall be inviolable now and in the future, and pledge absolute respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties declare that they have no territorial claims against each other and will advance none in the future.

Article 4

- (1) This Treaty is subject to ratification; the exchange of instruments of ratification shall take place as soon as possible at Bonn.
- (2) This Treaty shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of the Contracting Parties have signed this Treaty and affixed thereto their seals.

Done at Warsaw on 14 November 1990, in duplicate in the German and Polish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Federal Republic of Germany:

HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER

For the Polish Republic:

Krzysztof Skubiszewski

¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1547, nº I-26909.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 830, p. 327.