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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8988. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT SOFIA, ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1967

The People's Republic of Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic,

Desiring to develop their ties of fraternal friendship, comprehensive co-operation and mutual assistance on the basis of the principles of socialist internationalism,

Deeply convinced that the further development of these ties serves the vital interests of both States and helps to strengthen the unity of the countries of the socialist community,

Noting the steady expansion of political, economic and cultural co-operation between the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic,

Considering that economic co-operation, in particular, between the two States contributes to their development and to a broadening of the international socialist division of labour among the countries members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance,

Recalling the experience of the Second World War, which was unleashed by Nazi Germany,

Aware that recognition of the present situation in Europe and the establishment of normal relations on a footing of equality among all European States are necessary in order to guarantee security in Europe,

Noting that the German Democratic Republic has given effect to the principles of the Postdam Agreement² and through its consistent peace-loving foreign policy has become an important factor in guaranteeing peace and security in Europe and that its active peace-loving policy and its participation in the development of international co-operation are of great importance for European security,

Firmly resolved to oppose the threat to peace by the forces of West German militarism and revanchism and their claims to represent the German people, and to guarantee the security of the two Contracting States against any other aggressive designs,

Affirming that the defeat of militarism and neo-nazism is the basic prerequisite for a peaceful settlement of the German question and that the establishment of a unified, peace-loving and democratic German State is possible only through the

¹ Came into force on 13 November 1967 by the exchange of instruments of ratification, which took place at Berlin, in accordance with article 11.

² *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 145, p. 852.