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**TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE
et
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Traité relatif aux activités de coopération pour les jeunes de la République socialiste tchécoslovaque et de la République démocratique allemande. Signé à Prague le 3 mai 1989

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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.