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**Treaty on Friendship and Co-operation  
between  
The Republic of Poland and the Hellenic Republic**

The Republic of Poland and the Hellenic Republic hereafter called Parties:

- willing to emphasize the friendship and respect which have traditionally been joining the two countries and nations and to strengthen bilateral ties in the fields of politics, economics, culture and science,

- referring to the old established Friendly Relations between them as evidenced by the previous Treaty of Friendship between the Republic of Poland and the Hellenic Republic from 4th January 1932,

- reaffirming that respect for democracy, rule of law and justice and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms is an essential factor of peace and stability,

- determined to strengthen peace, stability, security and co-operation in Europe,

- being aware of the meaningful role played by the Organisation of the North Atlantic Treaty and the West European Union in the field of security in Europe,

- aware of the importance of the Hellenic Republic's membership to the European Union and the association of the Republic of Poland with the European Union,

- respecting international law norms and in particular obligations resulting from the United Nations Charter,

- confirming their full respect for the obligations resulting from the United Nations Charter and reaffirming the commitments undertaken within the CSCE and in particular in the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a new Europe, the Helsinki Document "The Challenges of Change" and other CSCE documents and determined to develop their relations in a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect on the basis of the above mentioned obligations and commitments,

decided to conclude this Treaty and agreed on the following:

### **Article 1**

1. The Parties express their will to strengthen and deepen their friendship and co-operation, thus broadening the confidence and understanding existing between them.

2. In accordance with the obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, the Parties shall refrain in their mutual relations from the threat of use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of each other or from acting in any other manner inconsistent with the principles of the Helsinki Final Act and in particular of the inviolability of frontiers, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-intervention in internal affairs and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

### **Article 2**

1. The Parties will strive to strengthen international stability, security and co-operation, particularly in Europe. They will promote the effective functioning of interlocking European and transatlantic institutions and mechanisms of security and confidence building. The Parties will also co-operate with respect to the elaboration of further measures on bilateral and regional basis.

2. The Parties will co-operate to the extend possible to reach the lowest possible level of military forces and equipment in Europe with a view to eliminating the potential for military aggression while preserving legitimate defence and security requirements of States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The Parties will act for the purpose of strengthening international mechanisms aimed at non-proliferation and elimination of all weapons of mass destruction and for the purpose of promoting universal adherence to, and full implementation of, those mechanisms.

### **Article 3**

The Hellenic Republic provides support for the Republic of Poland in her endeavours to *rapprochement* in the West European and Transatlantic Security Structures.

#### **Article 4**

**The Parties will enhance their co-operation within International Organizations and arrangements and will provide mutual assistance so as to facilitate co-operation with those International Organizations and arrangements to which one of the Parties belongs, if the other Party expresses such a wish.**

#### **Article 5**

**1. Should one of the Parties consider that a certain international situation is likely to endanger peace and security or its own interests, it may ask the other Party for consultations in order to ease the existing tension or to facilitate the settlement of that situation.**

**2. When the Parties have decided to enter this process, they will primarily apply arrangements and procedures established within the context of the CSCE for early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and peaceful settlement. They will also co-operate for this purpose within the United Nations Organizations.**

#### **Article 6**

**1. The signing of the European Treaty on the Association between the Republic of Poland and the European Communities and their member-states created political and economic conditions for the integration of the Republic of Poland to the European Union. The Hellenic Republic will support the Republic of Poland in her endeavours to become member of the European Union.**

**2. The Hellenic Republic will support to the extent possible the Republic of Poland in adapting its legislation to that of the European Union.**

#### **Article 7**

**1. The Parties will hold regular consultations on issues of mutual interest, with the aim to strengthen bilateral contacts and co-ordinate views on international issues.**

2. Political summit meetings may be agreed upon, whenever deemed necessary.

3. The Members of the Parliaments of the Parties will maintain regular contact, with the aim to support bilateral relations and international co-operation between the two Parliaments.

### **Article 8**

The Parties will develop exchanges in the military field, including contacts and periodic consultations between the military organs. Separate agreements will provide for these arrangements.

### **Article 9**

1. The Parties attach primary significance to expanding and strengthening their co-operation in the fields of economy, finance, industry, science and technology.

2. The Parties will particularly support the development of relations between Polish and Greek companies in the field of investment activities, including capital investments in industry and agriculture. The Parties will attach particular importance to the co-operation between small and middle-sized companies.

3. The Parties will support the establishment of joint companies. Each of the Parties will see to the creating on its own territory of the necessary conditions for free investment activities.

4. The Parties will provide mutual support within the International Financial Organizations. The Hellenic Republic will support the creating of possibilities for the Republic of Poland to use the means of the European Investment Bank and the structural funds of the European Union.

### **Article 10**

1. The Parties will co-operate and support joint action for the solving of technical problems in the fields of energy, transport and communication. The Parties will support co-operation between the organizations and companies of the two countries in the above mentioned fields.