

**TREATY OF NONAGGRESSION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF
LITHUANIA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.
SIGNED AT MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 28, 1926**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LITHUANIAN REPUBLIC, of the one part, and THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF SOCIALIST SOVIET REPUBLICS, of the other part, being convinced that the interests of the Lithuanian people and of the peoples of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics demand constant co-operation based on mutual confidence, have agreed, in order to contribute to the best of their ability to the maintenance of universal peace, to conclude a treaty with a view to strengthening the friendly relations existing between them, and to this end have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LITHUANIAN REPUBLIC:

Mykolas SLEŽEVIČIUS, Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lithuanian Republic; and

Jurjis BALTRUŠAITIS, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Lithuanian Republic accredited to the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics; and

THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF SOCIALIST SOVIET REPUBLICS:

Georges TCHITCHERINE, Member of the C. E. C. of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, People's Commissary for Foreign Affairs; and

Serge ALEXANDROVSKY, Plenipotentiary Representative of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics in Lithuania;

Who having met at Moscow and exchanged their full powers found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following provisions:

Article 1.

The relations between the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and the Lithuanian Republic shall continue to be based on the Treaty of Peace between Lithuania and Russia, concluded at Moscow on July 12, 1920, all the provisions of which shall retain their force and inviolability.

Article 2.

The Lithuanian Republic and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics undertake to respect in all circumstances each others sovereignty and territorial integrity and inviolability.

Article 3.

Each of the two Contracting Parties undertakes to refrain from any act of aggression whatsoever against the other Party.

Should one of the Contracting Parties, despite its peaceful attitude, be attacked by one or several third Powers, the other Contracting Party undertakes not to support the said third Power or Powers against the Contracting Party attacked.

Article 4.

If, on the occasion of a conflict of the type mentioned in Article 3, second paragraph, or at a time when neither of the Contracting Parties is engaged in warlike operations, a political

agreement directed against one of the Contracting Parties is concluded between third Powers, or a coalition is formed between third Powers with a view to the economic or financial boycott of either of the Contracting Parties, the other Contracting Party undertakes not to adhere to such agreement or coalition.

Article 5.

Should a dispute arise between them, the Contracting Parties undertake to appoint conciliation commissions, if it should not prove possible to settle the dispute by diplomatic means.

The composition of the said commissions, their rights and the procedure they shall observe shall be settled in virtue of a separate agreement to be concluded between the two Parties.

Article 6.

The present Treaty is subject to ratification, which must take place within six weeks of the date of its signature.

The exchange of the instruments of ratification shall take place at Kovno.

The present Treaty has been drawn up in Lithuanian and Russian.

As regards interpretation, both texts shall be considered as authentic.

Article 7.

The present Treaty shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification and shall remain in force for five years, except Articles 1 and 2, the duration of the validity of which is not limited.

The validity of the present Treaty shall be prolonged automatically, on each occasion for one year, until either of the Contracting Parties expresses, at least six months before the expiration of the Treaty, the desire to enter upon negotiations regarding the future form of political relations between the two States.

In faith whereof, the Plenipotentiaries have affixed to the present Treaty their autograph signatures, and their seals.

The original has been done and signed in duplicate at Moscow the twenty-eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

(L. S.) (Signed) Mykolas SLEŽEVIČIUS.
(Signed) Jurjis BALTRUŠAITIS.

(L. S.) (Signed) G. V. TCHITCHERINE.
(Signed) Serge ALEXANDROVSKY.

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