

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE POLISH REPUBLIC AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC FOR ENSURING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION. SIGNED AT PRAGUE, ON 4 JULY 1947

The President of the Polish Republic, of the one part, and the President of the Czechoslovak Republic, of the other part, being desirous of ensuring co-operation in the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Assistance between the Polish Republic and the Czechoslovak Republic and the Protocol annexed thereto, signed on 10 March 1947 in Warsaw, and mindful:

That the past history of the peoples of both States has shown the need for close co-operation in all spheres;

That close co-operation will have a beneficial influence on the growth of the constructive forces of both States, and on the welfare of their peoples;

That such co-operation will increase the capacity of both States to develop economic relations with other States, and will thereby make a new and positive contribution to the international economy;

That lasting co-operation can be secured only on the basis of precise legal rules and a proper system of organization;

Have resolved to conclude for this purpose a special Convention and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the Polish Republic:

Dr. Hilary MINC, Minister of Industry;

Mr. Stefan WIERBŁOWSKI, Ambassador of the Polish Republic in Prague;

Dr. Adam ROSE, Minister Plenipotentiary;

The President of the Czechoslovak Republic:

Mr. Jan MASARYK, Minister of Foreign Affairs;

Dr. Hubert RIPKA, Minister of Foreign Trade;

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article I

THE PURPOSES OF POLISH-CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

The fundamental purposes of economic co-operation between Poland and Czechoslovakia are the following:

(a) The maximum development of reciprocal exchanges of goods and services;

(b) The maximum utilization of bilateral communication facilities in the matter of imports, exports and transit, by land, sea, river and air;

(c) The establishment of close economic co-operation between the various sectors and branches of the Polish and Czechoslovak economies;

(d) The establishment of close co-operation between the economic and technical institutes, and the scientific, research and experimental establishments of the two States, for the purpose both of mutual information and the fullest possible mutual access to results of work;

(e) Consultation with regard to the economic policies of both States in international organization and institutes.

Article II **METHODS OF OPERATION**

In order to secure the above aims, the two Governments hereby conclude the following agreements, which are annexed to the present Convention:

A. – In the matter of exchange of goods and services:

Annex No. 1: Treaty of commerce; Annex No. 2: Agreement on the exchange of goods; Annex No. 3: Protocol concerning guaranteed supplies of coal, zinc and electric power by Poland to Czechoslovakia for a period of five years; Annex No. 4: Agreement concerning deliveries of capital goods from Czechoslovakia to Poland; Annex No. 5: Payments agreement;

B. – In the matter of communications:

Annex No. 6: Communications agreement:

C. – In the matter of the organization of economic co-operation:

Annex No. 7: Agreement concerning financial co-operation; Annex No. 8: Agreement concerning industrial co-operation; Annex No. 9: Agreement concerning co-operation in agriculture, forestry and food production; Annex No. 10: Agreement concerning scientific and technical co-operation; Annex No. 11: Protocol concerning direct co-operation in the construction and expansion of certain economic enterprises;

D. – In the matter of general economic co-operation:

Annex No. 12: Agreement concerning co-operation in economic planning and statistics; Annex No. 13: Final protocol to the present Convention.

The foregoing list of agreements may be supplemented by consent of both High Contracting Parties.

Article III **EXECUTIVE ORGANS**

With a view to the co-ordination of all action directed towards the efficient and successful operation of this Convention and all agreements connected therewith, a Polish-Czechoslovak Economic Co-operation Council shall be established.

The statutes of the Council are annexed to this Convention and form an integral part thereof (annex No. 14).

The executive organs shall be the Polish-Czechoslovak Commissions set up in conformity with the various agreements annexed to this Convention.

The statutes of the Council and of the Polish-Czechoslovak Commissions may be altered by agreement between the two Governments.

Article IV
MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

Any disputes which arise in the course of the execution of any agreements concluded in pursuance of this Convention shall be examined in the manner prescribed in the Protocol concerning Mediation and Arbitration Procedure (annex No. 15).

Article V
FINAL PROVISIONS

This Convention shall be subject to ratification, and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Warsaw as soon as possible.

The Convention shall come into force on the day of the exchange of instruments of ratification. Nevertheless, the two Governments may agree to give effect to it at an earlier date, if their respective legislations authorize them to do so.

The present Convention shall remain in force for a period of five years from the day on which it comes into force, and shall be tacitly prolonged for a further five years, unless denounced by one of the High Contracting Parties at least one year before the expiry of the current five-year period.

The periods of validity of the agreements annexed to this Convention are defined by the provisions of those agreements.

Done in two copies, each in Polish and Czech, both texts being authentic.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the above-mentioned plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention and have affixed thereto their seals.

DONE at Prague, 4 July 1947.

For the Government of the Polish Republic:

(Signed) H. MINC
S. WIERBŁOWSKI
A. ROSE

For the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic:

(Signed) Hubert RIPKA
Jan MASARYK

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