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## TREATY<sup>1</sup> OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

The French Republic and the Republic of Poland,

Desiring to develop their traditional relations of friendship and strengthen their cooperation in the political, economic and cultural spheres,

Reaffirming their commitment to the values of democracy, freedom and justice, and their desire to ensure that these values are effectively upheld,

Aware that the future of relations between the two States is inseparably linked to the strengthening of peace, security and stability in Europe,

Faithful to their obligations under international law, in particular the Charter of the United Nations,

Confirming the obligations they have undertaken within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and recognizing the importance of the decisions adopted at the Paris meeting of the heads of State and Government of CSCE,

Convinced of the need to strengthen European solidarity,

Bearing in mind the areas of competence of the European Communities and considering that the Communities are an essential element in European solidarity and that the strengthening of the Communities in the economic, monetary and political fields is of paramount importance for the future of Europe and the world,

Convinced that the development of direct contacts between nationals of the two countries will contribute significantly to understanding, cooperation and friendship between the two peoples,

Have agreed as follows:

### *Article 1*

1. The French Republic and the Republic of Poland undertake to strengthen understanding, solidarity and friendship between the peoples of the two countries. They shall encourage closer cooperation between them in a spirit of mutual comprehension, respect and trust.

2. The Parties shall organize their cooperation, particularly through a network of bilateral contacts for the harmonization and coordination, at various levels, of joint activities.

3. The Parties shall conclude, as necessary, other agreements and arrangements, with a view to implementing the provisions of this Treaty.

### *Article 2*

1. The French Republic and the Republic of Poland shall participate in the building of a Europe based on peace and solidarity; to this end, they shall develop their political cooperation at the bilateral and multilateral levels.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 7 November 1992, i.e., 30 days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Warsaw on 8 October 1992, in accordance with article 12 (1).

2. The Parties shall strive to achieve the unity of Europe, so that it may become a community governed by the rule of law and democracy, which could take the form of a confederation.

3. The French Republic undertakes to foster the development of close relations between the Republic of Poland and the European Communities.

It shall support the earliest possible conclusion of an agreement of association between the Republic of Poland and the European Communities.

It considers as positive the prospect of the accession of the Republic of Poland to the European Communities, when the required conditions have been fulfilled.

4. The obligations undertaken by the French Republic in bilateral Franco-Polish agreements shall respect the areas of competence of the European Communities and the provisions laid down by their institutions.

#### *Article 3*

The Parties shall work together to maintain peace and strengthen security in Europe. Within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, they shall strive to increase stability on the European continent and pursue a balanced process of conventional disarmament and confidence-building. They shall cooperate in the establishment of such institutional structures as may enhance the effectiveness of the CSCE process.

#### *Article 4*

1. In accordance with article 1, paragraph 2, of this Treaty, the French Republic and the Republic of Poland shall establish a mechanism for regular consultations on bilateral questions and major international issues, in particular the basic issues of security and disarmament in Europe, and the question of European integration, which includes relations between Poland and the European Communities.

To this end, meetings at the highest level shall be organized by agreement between the Parties, and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs shall meet at least once a year.

Consultations between the competent ministers responsible for cooperation shall be held once a year.

Working meetings between representatives of the two ministries of foreign affairs shall be held at least twice a year.

2. In the event that a situation arises, particularly in Europe, which, in the opinion of either Party, might constitute a threat to peace or a breach of peace or jeopardize its vital security interests, that Party may propose to the other Party that joint consultations on the matter be held without delay. The Parties shall endeavour to adopt a common position on the means of resolving the situation.

#### *Article 5*

1. The French Republic and the Republic of Poland shall encourage the development of their economic and financial relations and shall accord priority to such relations in their bilateral cooperation and in the context of the building of a Europe based on solidarity.

2. The Parties shall assist in the establishment of direct ties of cooperation between economic operators of the two countries. They shall develop their cooper-