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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

The French Republic and the Republic of Hungary,

Welcoming the recent impetus which the reconciliation of Europe has given to their relations and desiring to confer on them a new quality,

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

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

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

Confirming the commitments they have undertaken within the context of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe² and conscious of the importance of the decisions adopted at the meeting in Paris of the Heads of State and Government of the Conference,³

Convinced of the need to promote new ties of solidarity throughout the European continent,

Taking into account the powers vested in the European Communities and the prospect of the latter evolving into a political union,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

On the basis of the new friendship now existing between them, the French Republic and the Republic of Hungary have decided to deepen and diversify their ties of cooperation in a spirit of trust and solidarity, with a view to establishing a genuine partnership.

Article 2

1. The French Republic and the Republic of Hungary shall contribute to the construction of a peaceful, unified and prosperous Europe.

They shall endeavour to turn Europe into a community where law and democracy prevail and shall contribute to the development of ties of solidarity, in anticipation of the establishment of a unified whole which could take the form of a confederation.

¹ Came into force on 26 November 1992, i.e., 30 days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Paris on 27 October 1992, in accordance with article 14 (1).

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. XIV (1975), p. 1292; vol. XVII (1978), p. 414; vol. XXII (1983), p. 1395; vol. XXVIII (1989), p. 527; and vol. XXIX, No. 4 (1990), p. 1054 (American Society of International Law); United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session*, document A/45/859, p. 3; and *International Legal Materials*, vol. XXXIV, No. 3 (1995), p. 764 (American Society of International Law).

³ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session*, document A/45/859, p. 3.

2. The French Republic undertakes to promote a rapprochement and the development of close ties between the Republic of Hungary and the European Communities.

To this end, it shall support the speedy conclusion of an association agreement between the Republic of Hungary and the European Communities.

It shall consider favourably the prospect of the Republic of Hungary joining the European Community, once all the requirements have been met.

3. The commitments undertaken by the French Republic in its bilateral agreements with Hungary do not conflict with the competency of the European Communities or the provisions of their institutions.

Article 3

1. The French Republic and the Republic of Hungary shall work together to maintain peace and to strengthen security in Europe. Within the context of the Conference on Cooperation and Security in Europe, they shall take steps to increase stability on the continent and to pursue a balanced approach to conventional disarmament and confidence-building. They shall support the establishment of structures and mechanisms that will enhance the Conference's effectiveness in respect of conflict prevention and peaceful settlement of disputes.

They shall endeavour to contribute to the conclusion of other agreements on the strengthening of security and confidence-building in Europe.

2. The French Republic and the Republic of Hungary recognize that a satisfactory solution to the question of national minorities is crucial if there is to be stability and security in Europe, and in order to strengthen democracy and increase trust and cooperation between States.

In this regard, in accordance with the provisions of their respective constitutions, they shall endeavour, within the relevant European forums, to assist in working out acceptable solutions, based on respect for human rights, public international law and shared democratic principles and values, bearing in mind specific situations and particular historical contexts.

Article 4

1. The French Republic and the Republic of Hungary shall exploit fully the new prospects arising out of the fundamental changes that have occurred in Europe and establish together a true partnership in all areas of cooperation.

2. With this in view, the Parties shall hold regular bilateral or multilateral consultations on questions of mutual interest and major international issues.

Meetings at the highest level shall be organized by agreement between the Parties.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs shall follow up the implementation of this Treaty and shall meet at least once a year. Working meetings between representatives of the two Ministries shall be held at least once a year.

3. These consultations should enable the Parties to improve the organization of their cooperation, to harmonize their positions regarding foreign policy, particularly with respect to Europe, and to promote integration of the Republic of Hungary within the community of democratic nations.

4. The Parties shall conclude agreements or arrangements, as needed, in order to implement the provisions of this Treaty.