

No. 2962

**ALBANIA, BULGARIA, HUNGARY,
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC,
POLAND, ROMANIA,
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
and CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

**Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance.
Signed at Warsaw, on 14 May 1955**

Official texts: Russian, Polish, Czech and German.

Registered by Poland on 10 October 1955.

**ALBANIE, BULGARIE, HONGRIE,
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE,
POLOGNE, ROUMANIE,
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES
et TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE**

**Traité d'amitié, de coopération et d'assistance mutuelle.
Signé à Varsovie, le 14 mai 1955**

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Enregistré par la Pologne le 10 octobre 1955.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2962. TREATY¹ OF FRIENDSHIP, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC. SIGNED AT WARSAW, ON 14 MAY 1955

The Contracting Parties,

Reaffirming their desire to create a system of collective security in Europe based on the participation of all European States, irrespective of their social and political structure, whereby the said States may be enabled to combine their efforts in the interests of ensuring peace in Europe;

Taking into consideration, at the same time, the situation that has come about in Europe as a result of the ratification of the Paris Agreements, which provide for the constitution of a new military group in the form of a "West European Union", with the participation of a remilitarized West Germany and its inclusion in the North Atlantic bloc, thereby increasing the danger of a new war and creating a threat to the national security of peace-loving States;

Being convinced that in these circumstances the peace-loving States of Europe must take the necessary steps to safeguard their security and to promote the maintenance of peace in Europe;

Being guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

In the interests of the further strengthening and development of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance in accordance with the principles of respect for the independence and sovereignty of States and of non-intervention in their domestic affairs;

¹ In accordance with article 10, the Treaty came into force on 6 June 1955, the date of deposit with the Government of the Polish People's Republic of the last instrument of ratification. Following are the dates of deposit of the instruments of ratification on behalf of the signatory States :

Poland	19 May 1955
German Democratic Republic	24 May 1955
Czechoslovakia	27 May 1955
Bulgaria	31 May 1955
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1 June 1955
Hungary	2 June 1955
Romania	3 June 1955
Albania	6 June 1955

Have resolved to conclude the present Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

The Presidium of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Albania : Mehmet Shehu, President of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Albania;

The Presidium of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria : Vylko Chervenkov, President of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria;

The Presidium of the Hungarian People's Republic : András Hegedüs, President of the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic;

The President of the German Democratic Republic : Otto Grotewohl, Prime Minister of the German Democratic Republic;

Council of State of the Polish People's Republic : Józef Cyrankiewicz, President of the Council of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic;

The Presidium of the Grand National Assembly of the Romanian People's Republic : Gheorghe Gheorghiu Dej, President of the Council of Ministers of the Romanian People's Republic;

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics : Nikolai Aleksandrovich Bulganin, President of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

The President of the Czechoslovak Republic : Viliam Široký, Prime Minister of the Czechoslovak Republic;

who, having exhibited their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties undertake, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security are not endangered.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties declare that they are prepared to participate, in a spirit of sincere co-operation, in all international action for ensuring international peace and security and will devote their full efforts to the realization of these aims.