

Treaty between Romania and the USSR (Moscow, 4 February 1948)

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Treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance between the U.S.S.R. and the Rumanian People's Republic

Article I

The high contracting parties undertake jointly to take all measures at their disposal to eliminate any threat of repetition of aggression on the part of Germany or of any other State which would unite with Germany directly or in any other form.

The high contracting parties declare that they intend to participate most sincerely in all international actions aimed at ensuring peace and the security of nations, and will fully make their contribution to the cause of the realisation of these lofty tasks.

Article II

In the event of one of the high contracting parties being involved in hostilities with Germany, should the latter try to resume her aggressive policy, or with any other State which should directly or in any other form unite with Germany in a policy of aggression, the other high contracting party will immediately render military and other assistance with all means at its disposal to the contracting party involved in hostilities.

Implementation of the present Treaty will conform to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations organisation.

Article III

Each of the high contracting parties undertakes not to conclude any alliance and not to take part in any coalition or actions or measures directed against the other high contracting party.

Article IV

The high contracting parties will consult each other on all important international problems involving the interests of both countries.

Article V

The high contracting parties declare that they will act in a spirit of friendship and co-operation for the purpose of the further development and consolidation of the economic and cultural links between the two States, adhering to the principles of mutual respect for their independence and sovereignty as well as of non-interference in the internal affairs of the other State.

Article VI

The present Treaty will be valid for 20 years from the date it is signed. If at the end of this 20-year term neither of the high contracting parties has given notice one year before the expiration of this term of its desire to terminate the Treaty, it shall remain valid for the next five years, and so on until either of the high contracting parties gives notice in writing one year before the expiration of the current five-year term of its intention to terminate its operation.

The present Treaty comes into force immediately upon its signing and is subject to ratification within the shortest time possible.

The exchange of ratification instruments will take place in Bucharest in the near future.

In testimony whereof the plenipotentiary representatives signed the present Treaty and affixed their seals

thereto.

Made in Moscow on February 4, 1948, in two copies, each in the Russian and Rumanian Languages, both texts having equal force.

(Signed) On the authorisation of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

V. M. MOLOTOV.

On the authorisation of the Presidium of the Rumanian People's Republic.

DR. Petru GROZA.