IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letters dated 7 November 1973 from the Permanent Representatives of Costa Rica and Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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I should be grateful if you would have this Treaty circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

(Signed) Fernando SALAZAR
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(Signed) Ion DATCU
Permanent Representative of the Socialist Republic of Romania to the United Nations

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TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA

The Republic of Costa Rica and the Socialist Republic of Romania, taking into account the relations of friendship between the two countries and the linguistic and cultural affinities between their peoples,

Prompted by the common desire to realize the aspirations of the Costa Rican and Romanian peoples for closer relations and understanding and to develop in the future as well friendly relations, esteem and co-operation between the two States, and to promote the expansion of contacts which will be conducive to the development of peaceful co-operation between their peoples on the enduring basis of respect for the principles and rules of international law and justice,

Desiring to increase the participation of the two countries in furthering the cause of peace and security in Latin America, in Europe and in the world and contributing to the development of co-operation among all States,

Reaffirming their attachment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which proclaim the determination of peoples to show tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours and to develop friendly relations among all nations,

Taking into consideration the fundamental importance of strengthening international legality and promoting the primacy of law among nations through effective respect, in good faith, in the conduct of States, for the principles and rules of international law and for the rights of and duties incumbent upon States by virtue of international law,

Emphasizing that the great political, economic and social changes and the scientific progress taking place in the modern world give increasing importance to the new principles of international law and the need to implement them more effectively in relations between States,

Aware of the responsibility incumbent upon all States, large, medium and small, irrespective of their level of development or political, economic or social system, to establish a climate of peace and security in the world and to develop friendly relations and co-operation among all States,

Bearing in mind that all States, without distinction, have the right and the duty to participate in solving the international problems confronting them,

Convinced that respect for the full sovereignty and equality of rights of all States constitutes the enduring basis of international co-operation, security and peace,

Expressing their conviction that international peace is based on respect for the sacred right of every State to national sovereignty and independence, peace and security and for the inalienable right of each people to decide its own destiny, without any interference, coercion or external pressure,
Reaffirming the right and duty of all States to co-operate in various aspects of international relations,

Convinced of the fundamental responsibility of every State to continue the economic, social and cultural development of its people and to use fully its internal resources, free from any external hindrance;

Aware of the need to increase efforts at the national and international levels to ensure speedier development of the economies of the developing countries and reduce and eliminate the gap between those countries and the developed countries,

Reaffirming the right of all States to independent economic, social and cultural development, as also the right to participate in international co-operation in various fields and to have free access to the benefits of modern science and technology,

Firmly convinced of the need to establish a just and equitable world economic and social order, based on strict respect for the economic rights and obligations of States and on collective economic security,

Have decided to conclude the present Treaty and, to this end, the President of the Republic of Costa Rica and the President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The High Contracting Parties recognize the following principles as the basis of relations between the Republic of Costa Rica and the Socialist Republic of Romania:

1. The inalienable right of every people to determine its own destiny and freely to choose and develop its political, economic and social system, in accordance with its own will and its own interests, without any foreign interference;

2. The sacred right of every State to national existence, freedom, independence and sovereignty;

3. The sovereign, inalienable and imprescriptible right of every State to make use of its natural wealth and all its other resources in accordance with its national interests, without any external hindrance, including the right of coastal States to dispose, in accordance with the requirements of their economic development, of the marine resources found within the limits of their national jurisdiction and to participate equitably in the exploitation of the territories underlying the ocean and their resources which constitute the common patrimony of mankind;

4. The full equality of rights of all States, irrespective of their size, level of development and political, economic or social system;

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5. The right of every State to participate, on terms of full equality, in the consideration and solution of international problems of common interest;

6. The right of every State to make use of the achievements of modern science and technology;

7. The right as also the right to participate of all States to reciprocal benefits from co-operation with each other in all fields.

8. The right and obligation of States, irrespective of their political and social systems, to co-operate with each other in various fields for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security and promoting the economic and social progress of all nations, especially the developing countries;

9. The obligation of States to refrain from intervening, in any way or on any pretext, in the internal or external affairs of any other State;

10. The obligation of States to respect the inviolability of State boundaries and the territorial integrity of other States and, consequently, the recognition of the fact that any attempt by one State against the national unity and territorial integrity of another State constitutes a violation which is of serious import for international peace and security and, consequently, the duty of States not to recognize any appropriation of territory or advantages obtained by force;

11. The obligation of States to refrain, in international relations, from any form of coercion of a military, political, economic or other nature and from the threat or use of force, on any pretext, in any circumstances and in any form, against another State;

12. The inherent right of every State to individual or collective self-defence;

13. The obligation of States to resolve all their differences exclusively by peaceful means;

14. The right of every State to peace, the maintenance of peace being a matter of paramount interest to all States;

15. The obligation of every State to respect the rights enjoyed by other States, in accordance with international law; the fundamental rights of States are not susceptible to any alteration;

16. The obligation of every State to fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, which derive from the generally recognized principles and rules of international law, or from the international agreements valid under those principles and rules of international law;
The High Contracting Parties declare that in their interpretation and application these fundamental principles of international law are interrelated and each principle should be construed in the context of the other principles. They must be strictly observed by all States in their mutual relations and no violation, of whatever nature, of any of these principles may ever, under any circumstances, be justified.

The High Contracting Parties declare their decision to develop friendly relations and co-operation on the basis of the aforementioned principles with all other States.

Article 2

The High Contracting Parties shall develop and strengthen friendly relations and co-operation between their two States in the political, economic, technological, scientific, cultural and other similar spheres, in accordance with the principles set forth in article 1.

Article 3

The High Contracting Parties shall intensify and expand mutually advantageous economic co-operation between the two States by promoting trade and diversifying the types of goods to be traded between them, eliminating obstacles to trade and improving the methods and legal instruments regulating such exports and strengthening and expanding industrial, technical and scientific co-operation in all fields of mutual interest in order fully to utilize their natural resources.

Article 4

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the expansion and intensification of exchanges between the two States in the spheres of science, education, culture, the arts and sport.

Article 5

The High Contracting Parties shall develop and strengthen the bonds of friendship between their peoples, through a better mutual understanding of their material and spiritual values and the establishment of closer relations between them by means of co-operation between universities and artistic and cultural institutions, exchanges of scientists, teachers and students, and personalities concerned with the economic, political and social aspects of life, through other ties, and through contacts among the citizens of the two States.

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Article 6

The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate with a view to carrying out effective measures in the field of disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, through the establishment of denuclearized zones in various regions of the world together with the firm commitment of the nuclear States not to use atomic weapons against countries in those zones and to respect the denuclearization statutes.

Article 7

The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate in promoting détente, peace, mutual understanding and co-operation in Latin America, Europe and throughout the world.

Article 8

The High Contracting Parties shall work together for the establishment and maintenance of a just and equitable world economic and social order through the establishment of a more rational international division of labour, the promotion of necessary changes in the structure of the world economy, the normalization and development of trade, the intensification of economic co-operation among all States, the consolidation of the economic independence of the developing countries, and the strengthening of collective economic security so as to promote the sustained development and expansion of their national economies.

Article 9

The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate to strengthen the role of the United Nations in the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of respect for international law in relations among States.

Article 10

In order to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the present Treaty, the High Contracting Parties shall deepen and expand consultations with each other, either through the normal diplomatic channel or through periodic consultations at various levels.

These consultations, which shall not prejudice any other international obligations of the two Parties or other systems of consultation provided for in agreements in force, shall cover matters concerning the development of relations between the two States, international problems of common interest, including those considered by international organizations of which the two States are members, particularly the United Nations, as well as any other matter on which the two Parties consider it would be useful to have an exchange of views.

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Article 11

The High Contracting Parties declare that the obligations provided for in the present Treaty do not violate the obligations of each of the Parties arising from other treaties to which they are parties, or from the rules of international law.

Done at San José, in duplicate, in the Spanish and Romanian languages, both texts being equally authentic, on the fourth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

For the
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