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and
NIGERIA**

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**Protocole relatif à leurs Représentations commerciales.
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PROTOCOL¹ ON TRADE REPRESENTATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Federal Military Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,

Desiring a growth in the trade turn-over between the two countries,

With a view to promote its further successful development, and,

Referring to the negotiations held in accordance with article 12 of the Soviet-Nigerian Trade Agreement of March 21, 1978,²

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will have in the Federal Republic of Nigeria its Trade Representation with its residence in Lagos, while the Federal Republic of Nigeria will have in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics a similar Trade Representation with its residence in Moscow.

Article 2. The Trade Representation of each of the two countries will perform the following functions:

- (a) To promote the development of trade between both countries;
- (b) To represent the interests of its country in matters relating to foreign trade;
- (c) To assist in purchasing, selling and other commercial transactions between Soviet foreign trade organisations and Nigerian legal and natural persons authorised thereto in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their respective country.

Article 3. The Trade Representations shall be component parts of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the USSR respectively.

The Trade Representatives and not more than two of their deputies shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities accorded to the members of diplomatic missions under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961.³

Administrative, technical and service staff of the Trade Representations shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities accorded to similar categories of staff of diplomatic missions under the said Vienna Convention.

The premises occupied by the Trade Representations shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities accorded to the premises of diplomatic missions under the said Vienna Convention.

Article 4. The two Parties shall notify each other through normal diplomatic channels of the appointment of the Trade Representatives and their deputies who will function within the provisions of this Protocol.

¹ Came into force on 5 April 1979 by signature, in accordance with article 6.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1151, No. I-18122.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 500, p. 95.

Article 5. The establishment of the Trade Representations mentioned in this Protocol shall in no way prejudice the rights of Soviet foreign trade organisations and Nigerian legal and natural persons to maintain direct contacts between them with the aim of concluding and carrying out trade transactions.

Article 6. This Protocol comes into force on the day of signature.

DONE in Lagos this 5th day of April 1979 in two originals, each in the Russian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics:

[Signed—Signé]¹

For the Government of the Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics:

[Signed—Signé]²

¹ Signed by P. Zaharhin—Signé par P. Zaharhin.

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