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**IRELAND  
and  
POLAND**

**Agreement on the development of economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation (with rules of procedure and annex). Signed at Poznan on 13 June 1977**

*Authentic texts: English and Polish.*

*Registered by Ireland on 30 January 1981.*

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**Accord relatif au développement de la coopération économique, industrielle, scientifique et technologique (avec règlement intérieur et annexe). Signé à Poznan le 13 juin 1977**

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*Enregistré par l'Irlande le 30 janvier 1981.*

## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUB- LIC ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

The Government of Ireland and the Government of the Polish People's Republic,

Desiring to further contribute to the development and diversification of economic relations between Ireland and Poland;

Desirous of supporting and facilitating the continued development and strengthening of economic, industrial, scientific, and technological co-operation;

Recalling the participation of both Contracting Parties in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;<sup>2</sup>

Guided by their continuing desire to implement the provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed in Helsinki on August 1, 1975;<sup>3</sup>

Recognising the value of undertaking long-term measures aimed at the creation of firm and lasting perspectives for co-operation;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with their international obligations, with the aim of strengthening the economic relations between them, endeavour to create conditions advantageous to the dynamic and harmonious development of economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation between organisations, enterprises and firms of their countries and shall undertake in the most liberal spirit all arrangements necessary for creating such conditions.

*Article 2.* The Contracting Parties shall, by mutual agreement, define the fields in which they consider that the development of co-operation may be useful. Sectors of possible interest are listed in the annex attached hereto but other sectors of interest may be mutually agreed from time to time. The conditions governing particular projects of economic, scientific, technological, industrial and agricultural co-operation shall be agreed between the respective organisations, enterprises and firms of the two countries, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each country.

*Article 3.* Both Contracting Parties shall encourage by all means within their competences economic, industrial, agricultural, scientific and technological co-operation between interested organisations, enterprises and firms in their countries, e.g.

(a) Direct contacts between organisations, enterprises and firms, leading to joint production and/or marketing of goods;

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 September 1977, the day on which the Contracting Parties notified each other that their domestic legal requirements had been fulfilled, in accordance with article 12.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.

<sup>3</sup> *International Legal Materials*, vol. XIV, 1975, p. 1292.

- (b) Joint research and development of new technological processes, particularly with a view to the improvement of production and the development of new products;
- (c) Erection of new industrial plants as well as the expansion and modernisation of existing ones;
- (d) The arrangement of conferences and exhibitions in the two countries;
- (e) The exchange of specialists;
- (f) The exchange of “know-how”, of scientific and technical information, of patents and licences and of economic information of assistance to potential partners.

*Article 4.* The Contracting Parties have agreed to utilise all means, commensurate with their national laws and regulations, to facilitate industrial co-operation between interested enterprises in the two countries. The facilities shall be applied, *inter alia*, to the following forms of co-operation:

- Exchange of parts and sub-assemblies of machines and equipment for the purpose of joint production and sales of an end-product, possibly under a common trade mark, in the two countries or in third markets;
- Delivery of assemblies or individual parts produced by one of the partners on the basis of licences, technical specifications and drawings provided by the other partner, with the latter selling the end-product;
- Transactions in the field of product processing in which both Contracting Parties are interested;
- Exchange of experience in the fields of standardisation and quality of production, organisation of work, introduction of inventions, innovations and technical improvements into production processes, exchange of technical information;
- Exchange of patents, licences and technological “know-how” or their transfer on terms agreed to by the interested institutions and enterprises. The Contracting Parties shall not restrict the transmission of improvements and innovations to a basic licence which has already been the subject of a contract concluded between partners in an industrial co-operation transaction when such transmission is in accordance with the laws and regulations of each country;
- Building of complete industrial plants on terms agreed between the partners of the transaction.

*Article 5.* The Contracting Parties confirm their interest in the development of all mutually beneficial forms of co-operation in the fields of industry, agriculture, science and technology and shall encourage by all means within their competences the undertaking of such co-operation, taking advantage of joint possibilities in the sphere of marketing and market research techniques. In this connection the Contracting Parties shall encourage the conclusion of long-term agreements aimed at establishing lasting co-operative links between firms, enterprises and other appropriate organisations in the two countries.

*Article 6.* To ensure the appropriate conditions for the establishment of co-operative undertakings, the Contracting Parties shall facilitate the application of various forms of co-operation within the territories of both countries and as appropriate the creation of mixed enterprises in third countries, making use for this purpose of the capacities and experience of the enterprises of both countries.

*Article 7.* The Contracting Parties confirm their willingness to facilitate the widest possible utilisation by organisations, enterprises and firms in the two countries of the possibilities provided for in their economic programmes. As regards the detailed implementation of these plans and programmes, the respective organisations, enterprises and firms of both countries will seek to establish and strengthen contacts with a view to improving their acquaintance with planning and programme targets and methods, thus contributing to closer ties between the economies of the two countries.

*Article 8.* The Contracting Parties shall grant each other the most favourable treatment possible in the fields of economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation within the framework of the laws and regulations in force in the two countries and their international obligations.

*Article 9.* The Contracting Parties are aware of the significance that appropriate financing conditions have for the establishment of investment and co-operative undertakings. They have indicated that the tasks and aims of this Agreement should be taken into consideration in the relevant financial and credit arrangements which will be concluded between the interested financial and banking institutions, in order that the most favourable credit conditions possible may be made available.

*Article 10.* The Contracting Parties shall establish a Joint Commission with a view to achieving the objectives of the Agreement in the whole field of economic, industrial, agricultural, technological and scientific co-operation.

The Joint Commission shall

- Examine the development of economic, industrial, agricultural, scientific and technological co-operation between the two countries;
- Work out arrangements for the further development of such co-operation and seek to identify new projects of co-operation in the countries of the Contracting Parties and in third countries;
- Carry out reviews of the progress made in the fields of co-operation and make recommendations as to what action may be required in order to ensure that the objectives of this Agreement are achieved;
- Consider any other matters arising from the implementation of this Agreement, which may be raised by either of the Contracting Parties.

The rules of procedure of the Joint Commission are annexed to this Agreement.

*Article 11.* The Contracting Parties reserve the right to enter into consultations, by virtue of their respective international obligations; such consultations shall not, however, call into question the basic objectives of the Agreement.

*Article 12.* This Agreement shall come into force on the day on which the Contracting Parties reciprocally notify each other that their domestic legal requirements necessary for the coming into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled, and shall remain in force for a period of ten years from that date. Thereafter it shall continue in force subject to the right of either of the Contracting Parties to give to the other at any time six months' written notice of termination.

Any such termination shall not affect rights or obligations under contracts and arrangements concluded between organisations, enterprises and firms of the two countries when the Agreement was in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorised thereto have signed this Agreement and hereunto affixed their seals.

DONE in Poznan this 13th day of June 1977 in two original copies, each in the English and Polish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of Ireland:

[Signed]

R. McDONAGH

For the Government  
of the Polish People's Republic:

[Signed]

ST. DLUGOSZ

**RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE IRISH-POLISH JOINT COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION SIGNED AT POZNAN ON 13TH JUNE 1977**

*Article 1.* The scope of work by the Joint Commission provided for under article 10 of the Agreement covers the whole field of economic, industrial, agricultural, scientific and technological co-operation between Ireland and the Polish People's Republic.

*Article 2.* 1. The Joint Commission will be composed of Delegations representing the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Polish People's Republic.

2. Each Delegation will be composed of a Chairman, a Secretary and other members.

3. Both Parties will notify the other in writing of the names of the members of its Delegation to a given session.

*Article 3.* 1. The Joint Commission shall meet at ordinary sessions and, if this is considered necessary, at extraordinary sessions.

2. Ordinary sessions shall be held annually, alternatively in Dublin and Warsaw, at a date to be agreed mutually.

3. Extraordinary sessions may be requested by either Chairman who shall propose the agenda for such occasions.

*Article 4.* The Joint Commission shall be empowered to establish sub-committees and working groups for which it will determine the terms of reference and which will submit reports on their activities. Representatives of economic, industrial, agricultural, scientific and technological organisations, enterprises and firms may be called upon to participate in the work of the Joint Commission and of its sub-committees and working groups.

*Article 5.* Agreed Minutes containing the conclusions of sessions of the Joint Commission may be drawn up if considered appropriate.

*Article 6.* Matters concerning the progress of co-operation arising at times when the Joint Commission is not in session may be settled by direct contact and exchange of correspondence, between the Chairmen of the Delegations.

## ANNEX

SECTORS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC,  
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION

Agriculture, including research, technology and equipment;  
Animal feedstuffs technology;  
Development of peat resources and peat land;  
Food processing technology and equipment including new technologies for protein production;  
Packaging technology and equipment;  
Machine and electrotechnical industries;  
Electronics;  
Fine chemicals and pharmaceuticals;  
Utilisation of industrial and agricultural waste;  
Engineering consultancy services;  
Electricity generation and utilities;  
Tourism development techniques;  
Environmental research and programmes.

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