

## Supplementary Protocol to the Basic Treaty (21 December 1972)

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### I

#### Re Article 3

The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic have agreed to form a Commission composed of representatives of the Governments of the two States. They will review and, where necessary, renew or supplement the marking of the border existing between the two States and draw up the necessary documentation on the course of the border. In the same way, the Commission will contribute to regulating other problems connected with the course of the border, e.g. water management, energy supply and the prevention of damage.

The Commission shall commence its work after the signing of the Treaty.

### II

#### Re Article 7

1. Trade between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic shall be developed on the basis of the existing agreements.

The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic will conclude long-term agreements with a view to promoting a continuous development of economic relations, adapting outmoded arrangements, and improving the structure of trade.

2. The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic state their intention to develop co-operation in the fields of science and technology for their mutual benefit and to conclude the necessary treaties for this purpose.

3. The co-operation in the field of traffic which began with the Treaty of 26 May 1972 shall be widened and intensified.

4. The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic state their readiness to regulate by treaty their judicial relations as simply and expediently as possible in the interests of those seeking justice, especially in the fields of civil and criminal law.

5. The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic agree to conclude an agreement on posts and telecommunications on the basis of the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union and the International Telecommunication Convention. They will notify such agreement to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The existing agreements and the procedures beneficial to both sides will be taken over in that agreement.

6. The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic state their interest in co-operation in the field of health. They agree that the relevant treaty shall also regulate the exchange of medicaments and, as far as possible, the treatment of patients in special clinics and sanatoria.

7. The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic intend to develop cultural co-operation. To this end they will enter into negotiations on the conclusion of intergovernmental agreements.

8. The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic reaffirm their readiness to assist the competent sports organizations, after the Treaty has been signed, in the arrangements for the promotion of relations in the field of sport.

9. Agreements are to be concluded between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic in the field of environmental protection with a view to helping prevent hazards and harm to the other side.

10. The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic will conduct negotiations with a view to extending the mutual acquisition of books, periodicals, radio and television productions.

11. The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic will, in the interest of the people concerned, enter into negotiations to regulate non-commercial payment and clearing procedures. In this connexion they will, in their mutual interest, give priority to the early conclusion of agreements for social reasons.