

Agreement between Bulgaria and Syria for armament delivery, 28 June 1970

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AGREEMENT

between the government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria
and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic
on delivery of special equipment
to the Ministry of defense of the Syrian Arab Republic

The government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic, for the purpose of developing and strengthening the friendly and economic relations between the two countries in future, specifically in the area of delivery of goods, services and technical aid, have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE 1

The government of PR Bulgaria will deliver in 1971-1975 to the government of the Syrian Arab Republic equipment, whose nomenclature, quantities and terms of delivery are specified in Appendix 1 to this agreement.

ARTICLE 2

For the purpose of payment for the equipment in Article 1, the government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria gives the government of the Syrian Arab Republic a credit at the amount of 20 000 000 (twenty million) US dollars, with 2,5 % simple interest.

ARTICLE 3

The government of PR Bulgaria gives the government of the Syrian Arab Republic the following facilities in payment:

- a) 10 % of the total amount in the contract to be settled beyond the credit; the Central Syrian Bank is to open a letter of accreditation in the Bulgarian foreign trade bank benefiting the seller.
- b) The rest of the amount, or 90 % of the total amount in the contract, shall be settled by equal annual payments in a period of 8 years. First payments are due a year after the date of each delivery.
- c) Interests shall be calculated on the basis of every delivery, ending on 31 December, and shall be paid together with the main debt.

ARTICLE 4

All payments, resulting from:

- using the credit;
- interests;
- cash payments (beyond the credit),

shall be paid through delivery of Syrian goods, mentioned in Appendix 2, enclosed to this agreement, in accordance with the long-term trade agreement and the long-term payment agreement, signed between PR Bulgaria and the Syrian Arab Republic on 12 September 1969 and on 21 April 1968.

The Central Syrian Bank and the Bulgarian foreign trade bank shall open special accounts and shall establish a technical procedure for payments and accounting.

The Bulgarian foreign trade bank and the Central Syrian Bank signed on the date of this agreement another agreement regarding bank forms and opening special accounts in relation to this agreement.

In order to keep in secrecy, invoices and other documents, presented to the Bulgarian foreign trade bank shall have a note (goods in relation with contract N....., position N.....), with no name of the items.

ARTICLE 5

In case of change of the gold parity of the US dollar, which is currently 0,888.671 g pure gold, the Bulgarian foreign trade bank and the Central Syrian Bank shall change the balance in the special accounts on the day of change of gold parity of the US dollar, and in the same ratio, thus bringing the balance to the gold value they had before the change.

ARTICLE 6

Goods, specified in Appendix 1 of this Agreement, as well as the quantities and terms of delivery are referential.

The two countries shall make precise contracts, whose payment shall be in compliance with what has been stated in Article 3 of this agreement, other conditions shall be specified in these contracts, including items, quantities, terms of delivery, as well as all issues related to transportation and insurance.

Both countries will attempt to make the contracts in the first half year of each year, with the exception of 1970.

ARTICLE 7

The Bulgarian side, on the request of the Syrian side, shall provide transportation of purchased equipment to a Syrian seaport. Payment and insurance will be covered by the Syrian side beyond the credit.

ARTICLE 8

The two governments have agreed to form a joint commission with representatives of both countries, to inspect the implementation of this agreement, and to settle in a friendly manner all controversial issues, which might arise during its implementation.

The commission shall get together on the request of one of the two countries in Damask or in Sofia.

ARTICLE 9

The two countries have agreed to take necessary precautions to keep in secrecy the content of this Agreement and relevant documents.

ARTICLE 10

Regarding issues, not foreseen in this Agreement, the provisions in the long-term trade agreement, signed on 12 September 1969, and the long-term payment agreement, signed on 21 April 1968 between the two governments, will apply.

ARTICLE 11

This agreement shall be put forward for approval in compliance with the legislature in each of the countries, followed by exchange of notes.

The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date on which the Parties exchange notes.

This agreement was completed in Damask on 28 June 1970 in two original copies in French.

Appendices 1 and 2 are an inseparable part of this agreement.

This Agreement has been approved with Resolution No. 390 of the Economic Coordination Committee on 14 August 1970

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