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**STATE OF PLAY IN POLISH-  
RUSSIAN RELATIONS  
RELATED TO NAVIGATION  
IN THE VISTULA BAY**

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## POLISH-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON STATE BORDER (16.08.1945)

- NAVIGATION THROUGH PILAVA STRAIT RESTRICTED TO COMMERCIAL VESSELS UNDER POLISH AND RUSSIAN FLAGS





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## POLISH-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL AID IN FRONTIER MATTERS (MOSCOW, 15.02.1962)

ART.14 CONFIRMS PRIOR AGREEMENT CONCERNING NAVIGATION OF  
POLISH COMMERCIAL VESSELS IN THE VISTULA BAY AND  
THROUGH THE PILAVA STRAIT



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## AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION (BUDAPEST, 3.12.1971)

- AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE FORMER COUNCIL OF COMMON ECONOMIC COOPERATION (RWPG)
- AGREEMENT STILL IN FORCE FOR POLAND, RUSSIA, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, BULGARIA, ROMANIA



**IN SEARCH OF THE NEW AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND  
THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND CONCERNING  
NAVIGATION IN THE VISTULA BAY AND  
THROUGH THE PILAVA STRAIT**

**THE HISTORY OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS**





# THE HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT ON NAVIGATION IN THE VISTULA BAY AND THROUGH THE PILAVA STRAIT

WARSAW, 2-3 APRIL 2002, THE 5TH MEETING OF THE POLISH-  
RUSSIAN COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT

POLISH PROPOSAL TO SETTLE THE NEW TRANSPORT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN POLAND AND RUSSIA



# THE HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT ON NAVIGATION IN THE VISTULA BAY AND THROUGH THE PILAVA STRAIT

3-4 DECEMBER 2003 I ROUND OF  
NEGOTIATIONS OF THE NEW  
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

(GENERAL ASPECTS OF NAVIGATION)

SO FAR THERE WAS NO SECOND ROUND





# THE HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT ON NAVIGATION IN THE VISTULA BAY AND THROUGH THE PILAVA STRAIT

SEVERAL ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATION CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF NAVIGATION IN THE VISTULA BAY:  
1992, 1993, 1994 AND 1996

NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED IN 1996  
NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT PRESENTED BY POLAND IN DECEMBER  
2004

18 SEPTEMBER 2006 RUSSIA PRESENTS ITS PROPOSAL THROUGH  
POLISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW

NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN IN TIME CONVENIENT FOR BOTH SIDES



# WHY IS THE NEW AGREEMENT NECESSARY?

- PRESENT AGREEMENTS DO NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GROWING ECONOMY AND THE RELATED ISSUE OF TRANSFER OF PERSONS





# WHY IS THE NEW AGREEMENT NECESSARY?

- THIRD COUNTRIES' VESSELS NAVIGATION IN THE VISTULA BAY AND THROUGH PILAVA STRAIT IN THE CONTEXT OF POLISH ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

## CURRENT REGULATIONS VS THE EC TREATY

EU-RUSSIA PERMANENT PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL (PPC) ON TRANSPORT MEETING (LAPPEENRANTA, 8 SEPTEMBER 2006)

RUSSIAN READINESS TO REGULATE THE ISSUE OF MARITIME TRANSPORT IN THE VISTULA BAY AND THROUGH THE PILAVA STRAIT

EU-RUSSIA PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT (PCA)





# WHAT CAN BE DONE? IMPORTANT POINTS:

- LAUNCHING THE FERRY CONNECTION ELBLAG-BALTIJSK (TO BE DECIDED IN THE COURSE OF BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS)
- FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON OPENING THE PILAVA STRAIT FOR THE THIRD COUNTRIES' VESSELS
- AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION IN COMBATING OIL AND OTHER DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES POLLUTIONS IN THE AREA OF THE BALTIC SEA AND THE VISTULA BAY  
(THE AGREEMENT IN THE COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS, NEXT EXPERT MEETING DUE TO TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW IN NOVEMBER 2006)



# FINAL REMARKS:

NEW AGREEMENT ON NAVIGATION IN THE  
VISTULA BAY AND THROUGH THE PILAVA  
STRAIT

A SENSITIVE ISSUE IN POLISH-RUSSIAN  
BILATERAL RELATIONS





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