

## United States and Soviet Union Sign German Reunification Treaty

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In Moscow, Secretary of State James Baker and Foreign Ministers from the Soviet Union, Britain and France, sign the German Reunification Treaty, surrendering their post-war rights over German territory and paving the way for German reunification.

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## **Transcript**

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FAITH DANIELS, anchor:

In Moscow this morning, Secretary of State James Baker and foreign ministers from the Soviet Union, Britain, and France initial a treaty surrendering their postwar rights over German territory, paving the way for German reunification. NBC's Jim Maceda reports.

JIM MACEDA reporting:

After months of claiming the Cold War was over, the two superpowers can now assert that after 45 years the Second World War is finally settled. U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and foreign ministers of the other World War II allies agreed to the historic treaty, which is seen as a major triumph of West German policy and a personal victory for West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The Soviets made the most concessions. They've accepted the two Germanys' merger on October 3rd and the new Germany's full status as a NATO member. The Soviet Union not only gives up all of East Germany, but has promised to remove all of its troops from there by 1994. But Germany's diplomatic triumph was costly. Nearly \$8 billion will be paid to the Soviet Union, money desperately needed to build housing and defray the cost of returning troops the Soviet Union's economy just can't handle.

Once ratified, the treaty means that for the first time since Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 all Germans will live together in one democratic state. Jim Maceda, NBC News, Moscow.