

to submit completed claims questionnaires to the Department solely for the purpose of assisting the Canadian Government in its negotiations with the Polish Government and in order to facilitate any settlement that may be found possible. The submission of a completed questionnaire does not constitute the submission of a formal claim for compensation. However, failure to register a claim in this way may prejudice a right to possible compensation in the future. If an agreement is in due course made with Poland in the nature of a lump-sum settlement which provides funds for distribution to Canadian claimants, claimants will be notified at the appropriate time of the procedure for the formal filing of their claims.

### **Nationality Requirements**

7. It is important to note that only the claims of persons or companies who meet the following nationality requirements may be considered by the Department of External Affairs for the purposes of the forthcoming negotiations with Poland:

- (1) companies incorporated under the laws of Canada or of any of the provinces of Canada and which were incorporated in Canada on the date on which their property, rights, interests or debts were nationalized, taken or otherwise affected by Poland.
- (2) individuals who are Canadian citizens at the present time *and* who were Canadian citizens on the date on which their property, rights, interests or debts were nationalized, taken or otherwise affected by Poland.

8. This requirement of continuous Canadian nationality from the time of loss to the present is based on well-established rules of international law and practice. The Canadian Government is accordingly precluded from espousing the claim of a person who was not a Canadian citizen at the time of his loss, even though he might subsequently have acquired Canadian citizenship.

### **Period for Submitting Claims**

9. Canadian claims against Poland which fall within the general description given above and which qualify under the nationality requirements should be submitted on the attached questionnaires to the Claims Section of the Department of External Affairs before January 1, 1966. Claimants who are not able to support a claim completely by documentary evidence before the period for submission of claims expires should submit their claim on the questionnaires with available evidence before January 1, 1966, and submit the additional evidence as soon as it is obtained.

### **Claims Questionnaires**

10. Claimants are required to complete and submit to the Department two signed copies of the questionnaire together with two copies of supporting documentation. A third copy should be retained by the claimant for his own records.

11. One copy of the completed claims questionnaire together with one copy of supporting documentation will subsequently be forwarded by the Department to