

of their claims to the Department of External Affairs without delay, and in any event before *January 1, 1966*,¹ in order that they may be considered with a view to the forthcoming negotiations. Statements of claim must be prepared and submitted in duplicate on the attached questionnaires in the manner prescribed below, together with all available documents in support of the claim. Further copies of the claims questionnaire in English or in French may be obtained by writing to the Claims Section, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa.

3. Claimants who have already submitted some details or documents on their claims to the Canadian Government are also requested to complete the attached questionnaires. This is to ensure that the Department has the detailed, accurate and up-to-date information about each claim which will be required for the forthcoming negotiations. It is important that each question on the questionnaire be answered as completely and as accurately as possible in order to assist the Canadian Government in its efforts to reach an equitable settlement in an expeditious manner. Before completing this questionnaire, claimants should read carefully the explanatory notes set out below.

Scope of Negotiations

4. During recent discussions in Warsaw, the Polish Government assured the Canadian Government that they are prepared to enter into early negotiations towards a lump-sum settlement of Canadian claims in dollars or freely convertible currency on the basis of principles similar to those applied in other claims settlements concluded by Poland.

5. The forthcoming negotiations will take into account all claims of Canadian citizens in respect of property, rights, interests and debts which have been nationalized, taken or otherwise affected by the Polish authorities. War damage claims will not be included in the negotiations. (Claims of Canadian citizens for war damages and maltreatment were adjudicated by the Canadian War Claims Commission which was in operation in Ottawa for a number of years after the war and which has since been disbanded, after due notice, and is no longer receiving claims. The War Claims Commission dealt only with claims of persons who were Canadian citizens at the time of loss or maltreatment.) Claims in respect of property nationalized by governments other than Poland (for example, property in former Polish territory ceded to the Soviet Union) will not be included in the negotiations.

6. It should be noted that even though an individual claim may appear to fall within this general description, there is no assurance that any particular claim or category of claims which might be submitted to the Department of External Affairs can or will be espoused by the Canadian Government or that compensation will be obtained for such claim or category of claims. Claimants are requested

¹This deadline was subsequently extended to May 1, 1966, in response to numerous requests from interested persons (Department of External Affairs Press Release No. 80 of December 14, 1965).