

PRESS RELEASE



OF CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA - CANADA

... WILL BE EXEMPT FROM AUSTRIAN TAXES AND PAYMENTS FROM THE
... WHICH THE RECIPIENTS ARE
... FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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... POLITICAL, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS WHO SUSTAINED LOSSES IN
... THE ABOVE ENUMERATED CATEGORIES ARE ENTITLED TO FILE CLAIMS RE-
... CLAIMS FORMS WILL BE AVAIL-

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT
IT HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING RECENT AND PENDING
AUSTRIAN LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
PERSECUTED ON POLITICAL, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS IN
AUSTRIA BETWEEN MARCH 13, 1938, AND MAY 8, 1945.

PARTICULARS OF THIS LEGISLATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ESTABLISH A FUND FOR
THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOSSES OF PERSONS EXPOSED
TO PERSECUTION ON POLITICAL, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS (FOND
ZUR ABGELTUNG GEWISSER VERMOEGENSVERLUSTE POLITISCH VERFOLGTER).
THE FUND WILL HAVE A CAPITAL IN THE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF SIX
MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIMS OF PHYSICAL
PERSONS WHO WERE SUBJECT TO POLITICAL, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS
PERSECUTION IN AUSTRIA FROM MARCH 13, 1938, TO MAY 8, 1945, AND
WHOSE BANK ACCOUNTS, SECURITIES, MORTGAGES OR MONEY WERE THE
SUBJECT OF FORCED TRANSFERS OR WERE CONFISCATED BY THE NATIONAL
SOCIALIST AUTHORITIES. THE FUND WILL ALSO SETTLE CLAIMS OF PERSONS
EXPOSED TO PERSECUTION ON POLITICAL, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS
AS DEFINED ABOVE FOR THEIR PAYMENTS OF THE DISCRIMINATORY TAXES
KNOWN AS QUOTE REICHSFLUCHTSTEUER UNQUOTE AND QUOTE SUEHNELEISTUNG
DER JUDEN (JUVA) UNQUOTE. THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL APPROPRIATE
AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF THE EQUIVALENT OF APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS
600,000 TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE FUND. THE