We desire to live in peaceful and friendly relations with our neighbour, Soviet Russia, and we consider it essential that both of us should make a common effort to defeat the common foe and to prepare for the future a road leading to good neighbourly relations.

We affirm that from 1921, when there was concluded at Riga a peace recognised by the Soviet representatives as an everlasting understanding, down to the time of the present war Soviet Russia never raised claims to any parts

whatsoever of the territory of the Polish State.

Soviet Russia has no right to the Polish territories lying to the east of the Ribbentrop-Molotov line. These territories either never belonged to Russia at all, as is the case with Eastern Galicia, or were only annexed by Czarist Russia as a result of acts of violence never recognised by the civilised world and subsequently invalidated by a spontaneous resolution of the Council of People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R.

The inhabitants of those territories, the Ukrainians and White Russians as well as the Poles and the Jews, have never in any way manifested the desire to belong either to the Soviet Union or to its members the Soviet Socialist

Republics of the Ukraine or of White Russia.

The votings for the so-called national assemblies carried out by the Soviet authorities of occupation on the eastern territories of the Polish Republic in October 1939 were acts of violence which violated international law and were never recognised either by the Polish Government or by the local population.

We have always recognised and we still recognise the national rights of the Ukrainians and White Russians and we are convinced that in the new Europe, based on the freedom of nations and social justice, the Polish people will find a common tongue and the forms of a fraternal life in common with those nations.

The working masses of Poland desire that after the war Poland may be an element of peace in east-central Europe and of collaboration with neighbouring nations on the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity.