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Declaration of Polish Government on Polish-Soviet Relations.

London, 25 Feb. TASS.- According to Reuter, the Polish Government this evening published the following statement on Polish-Soviet relations. On 24th February the Polish Government, at a meeting under the chairmanship of General Sikorsky, discussed Polish-Soviet relations, and reached the following decision.

The Polish Government again confirms that neither before the present war nor in the process of the war has the Polish people agreed to any kind of cooperation with the Germans against the Soviet Union. In its mutual relations with the U.S.S.R. the Poles have always shown their readiness to cooperate with the Soviet Union in waging war and in the maintenance of friendly and goodneighbourly relations after victory.

The Polish Government with the greatest resolution rejects the malicious propaganda accusing Poland of indirect or direct hostile intentions towards the Soviet Union.

It is absolutely rubbish to suspect Poland of intentions to build the east frontiers of the Polish republic on the Dnieper or the Black Sea, or to ascribe to Poland any kind of tendency to spread its frontiers far to the East.

The Polish Government, representing the Poland of the frontiers on which she, first among the United Nations, was forced to enter the battle, has from the beginning of the Soviet-Polish agreement of 30th July 1941 held to the position that the question of frontiers between Poland and Soviet Russia remains the status quo that existed until 1st September 1939; and considers that the breaking of this position - which is in agreement with the Atlantic Charter - will disturb the unity of the United Nations.

The Polish Government considers that close cooperation and mutual trust between all the Allies is a necessary factor for victory and lasting peace, and brands all acts and statements directed towards the breaking or weakening of the United front of the United Nations.

TASS statement

Concerning Declaration of Polish Government of 25th Feb.

The statement published on 25th February by the Polish Government in London concerning Polish-Soviet relations signifies that the Polish Government does not want to acknowledge the historical rights of the Ukrainian and White Russian people to be united in their national form of government. Continuing, evidently, to consider as a law the usurping policy of imperialistic states which divided between them the Ukrainian and White Russian lands, and ignoring the well-known accomplished fact of the reunion of the Ukrainians and White Russians in the bosom of their national state, the Polish Government thus proclaims the policy for dividing up the Ukrainian and White Russian lands, and the continuance of the policy of dividing up the Ukrainian and White Russian peoples.

Leading Soviet circles consider that the denial of the