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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Canadian and Polish Governments have agreed to commence negotiations in the near future with a view to a settlement of claims of Canadian citizens arising out of property nationalized or otherwise taken by the Polish Government.

Canadians who have nationalization claims outstanding against Poland are asked to submit details of their claims to the Department of External Affairs before January 1, 1966, in order that they may be considered with a view to forthcoming claims negotiations between Canada and Poland. Further details, together with forms and instructions on the procedure to be followed by claimants wishing to register claims with the Department of External Affairs for this purpose, will be sent upon application to the Claims Section of the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa. Persons who have already submitted information concerning their claims against Poland to the Department of External Affairs will shortly be receiving the relevant forms by mail.

In accordance with well-established international rules and practice in this field, claims of persons who were not Canadians at the time of loss cannot be included in the proposed negotiations towards a claims settlement.

Detailed claims discussions with the Polish Government are expected to commence as soon as possible after the expiry of the January 1, 1966 deadline for the submission of claims.