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The statement of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom delivered in the House of Commons on the 2nd of September, 1939:

"Sir Nevile Henderson was received by Herr Von Ribbentrop at half past nine last night and delivered the warning message which was read to the House yesterday. Herr Von Ribbentrop replied that he must submit the communication to the German Chancellor. Our Ambassador declared his readiness to receive the Chancellor's reply. Up to the present no reply has been received. It may be that the delay is caused by consideration of a proposal which meanwhile had been put forward by the Italian Government that hostilities should cease and that there should then immediately be a conference between the five powers, Great Britain, France, Poland, Germany and Italy. While appreciating the efforts of the Italian Government, His Majesty's Government for their part would find it impossible to take part in a conference whilst Poland is being subjected to invasion, her towns are under bombardment and Danzig is being made the subject of a unilateral settlement by force. His Majesty's Government will, as stated yesterday, be bound to take action unless the German forces are withdrawn from Polish territory. They are in communication with the French Government as to the limit of time within which it would be necessary for the British and French Governments to know whether the German Government was prepared to effect such a withdrawal. If the German Government should agree to withdraw their forces, His Majesty's Government would be willing to regard the position as being the same as it was before the German forces crossed the frontier, that is to say, the way would be opened to discussion between the German and Polish Governments on the matters at issue between them on the understanding that the settlement arrived at was one that safeguarded the vital interests of Poland and was secured by an international guarantee. If the German and Polish Governments wished that other powers should be associated with them in the discussion then His Majesty's Government for their part would be willing to agree. There is one other matter to which allusion should be made in order that the present situation may be perfectly clear. Yesterday Herr Forster, who on the 23rd August had in contravention of the Danzig Constitution become the head of the State, decreed the incorporation of Danzig in the German Reich and the dissolution of the Constitution. Herr Hitler was asked to give effect to this Decree by German law. At a meeting of the Reichstag yesterday morning a law was passed for the reunion of Danzig with the Reich. The international status of Danzig as a Free City is established by a Treaty of which His Majesty's Government are a signatory and the Free City was placed under the protection of the League of Nations. The rights given to Poland in Danzig by Treaty are defined and con-