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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that he has received information concerning an agreement recently reached between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees providing for indemnification of refugees who were persecuted because of their nationality by the National Socialist régime. Under this agreement refugees who suffered from injury to body or health will now receive the same compensation as that granted to other categories of refugee victims of persecution; they will receive back payments as from November 1, 1953 and a capital payment for the period 1949 to 1953. Furthermore, they will now be entitled to receive the medical attention they may still need. The claims of refugees persecuted for reasons of nationality which were rejected in the past will be re-examined automatically by the Federal Administration Office in Cologne, which will work in close co-operation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. The agreement will apply to all refugees who were victims of the National Socialist régime for reasons of nationality, who were refugees on October 1, 1953, even if since that date they have acquired a new nationality, and irrespective of the place where they are now living.