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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS EMPASSY IN BELGRADE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF YUGOSLAVIA ABOUT CERTAIN NATIONALIZATION MEASURES ENACTED IN DECEMBER 1958 WHICH DEAL WITH REAL PROPERTY INCLUDING APARTMENT BLOCKS AND BUILDING LOTS. EXTRACTS FROM THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF YUGOSLAVIA ARE ATTACHED TO THIS PRESS RELEASE.

FULL EXTRACTS FROM THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNICATION ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE CANADA GAZETTE.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF YUGOSLAVIA IN REGARD TO CERTAIN NATIONALIZATION MEASURES ENACTED IN DECEMBER 1958 WITH RESPECT TO APARTMENT BLOCKS AND BUILDING LOTS.

ACCORDING TO THE LAW ON THE NATIONALIZATION OF APARTMENT BLOCKS AND BUILDING SITES (OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA, NO. 100 OF DECEMBER 31, 1958), NATIONALIZATION APPLIES TO ALL APARTMENT BLOCKS AND BUILDING SITES WHICH ARE OWNED BY MORE THAN THREE FOREIGNERS. ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, APARTMENTS AND PREMISES OF THE PROPERTY OF FOREIGN PERSONS IN CIVIL LOCALITY HAVE IN 1958 BEEN NATIONALIZED. THE PROPERTY OF THE NATIONALIZATION IS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE. THE NATIONALIZATION OF APARTMENT BLOCKS AND BUILDING SITES DOES NOT AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF THE NATIONALIZATION.

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"THE YUGOSLAV LAW MENTIONED ABOVE APPLIES TO REAL ESTATE OF BOTH YUGOSLAV AND FOREIGN CITIZENS."

"WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THE REAL ESTATE AFFECTED BY NATIONALIZATION, THE DECREE STATING MEASURES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW ON THE NATIONALIZATION OF APARTMENT BLOCKS AND BUILDING-SITES ("OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE FFRY", NO 4 OF JANUARY 28, 1959) OBLIGES PERSONS WHO, ON DECEMBER 25, 1958, OWNED ON THE TERRITORY OF YUGOSLAVIA ONE OR MORE BUILDINGS AFFECTED BY NATIONALIZATION, OR A LARGER NUMBER OF BUILDINGS OR PARTS OF BUILDINGS THAT MAY NOT BE OWNED ACCORDING TO THE AFORESAID LAW, TO SUBMIT A DECLARATION OF ALL BUILDINGS AND PARTS OF BUILDINGS BELONGING TO THEM ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE.

"PERSONS WHO ARE OUTSIDE YUGOSLAVIA SHALL SEND THE REQUIRED DECLARATION TO THE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNE ON WHOSE TERRITORY THEY OWNED, ON DECEMBER 25, 1958, BUILDINGS OR PARTS OF BUILDINGS.

"THE TIME WITHIN WHICH DECLARATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IS SET BY THE COMPETENT COMMUNE COMMITTEES AND PUBLISHED IN THE FORM OF NOTICES ASKING THE PERSONS CONCERNED TO SUBMIT THEIR DECLARATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE LAW, THIS TIME MAY NOT BE LESS THAN ONE MONTH OR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS.

"THE AFORESAID NOTICES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED IN ALL THE COMMUNES AND THE TIMES ALLOWED HAVE BEGUN TO APPLY.

"HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS INFORMED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES THAT FOREIGN NATIONALS WOULD NOT HAVE TO SUFFER UNFAVOURABLE CONSEQUENCES IN THE EVENT OF THEIR SUBMITTING THEIR DECLARATIONS WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE BY THE COMPETENT COMMUNE COMMITTEES.

"IN THIS REGARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS SUGGESTED TO THE COMPETENT YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES THAT THEY SET A SINGLE DATE AS THE LATEST TIME ALLOWED FOR SUBMISSION OF DECLARATIONS ON THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF YUGOSLAVIA. THIS DIPLOMATIC MISSION WILL BE INFORMED IN DUE TIME OF THE DECISION OF THE COMPETENT YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES.

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"IN COMMUNICATING THE FOREGOING TO IT, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE REQUESTS THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO TRANSMIT THE INFORMATION TO ITS GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF ITS NATIONALS WHO ARE CONCERNED AND WHO, ON THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE AFORESAID NOTICE, WERE NOT IN YUGOSLAV TERRITORY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEIR RESIDENCE IS IN YUGOSLAVIA OR ABROAD, AND TO RECOMMEND TO THEM THAT THEY TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS, WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE DECISION OF THE COMPETENT YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THE ONE DATE ON WHICH THE PERIOD OF TIME REFERRED TO SHALL END, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DECLARATIONS TO THE COMPETENT BODIES."