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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND POLAND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRE IN WARSAW, POLAND

I

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25 April 1986

Reference

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the preliminary understanding reached in May 1985 between the representatives of the United Nations Department of Public Information (hereinafter referred to as the United Nations) and the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Polish People's Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Government) concerning the establishment of a United Nations Information Centre in Warsaw, Poland.

I have the honour to set out in paragraphs 1 to 9 below the basic conditions under which the United Nations and the Government shall execute this agreement.

(1) A United Nations Information Centre shall be established in the city of Warsaw, Poland to carry out the functions assigned to it by the Secretary-General, within the framework of the Department of Public Information.

(2) The appropriate Polish authorities shall exercise due diligence to ensure the security and protection of the premises of the Centre and its staff.

(3) The appropriate Polish authorities shall ensure that all necessary public services are provided to the Centre on equitable terms.

(4) The Government shall bear the cost of three locally recruited posts as well as two thirds of the operational costs in running the Centre. The United Nations shall bear the cost of three locally recruited posts as well as one third of the operational costs in running the Centre.

(5) The Government shall apply to the United Nations, its premises, property, funds and assets and to its officials the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946² and acceded to by Poland on 8 January 1948.³ In particular, the premises of the Centre shall be inviolable in accordance with Article II, Section 3 of the Convention, and officials of the United Nations shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under Articles V and VII of the Convention.

(6a) The Director of the Centre shall also, subject to the provisions of Article 38, paragraph 1, of the Vienna Convention of 18 April 1961 on Diplomatic Relations,⁴

¹ Came into force on 25 April 1986, the date of the exchange of letters, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 12, p. 416.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 500, p. 95.

enjoy in respect of himself, his spouse and his relatives dependent on him, the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities normally accorded to diplomatic representatives of comparable rank.

(6b) Until further agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Government, however, the operation of the Centre shall be entrusted to an officer-in-charge who shall be a locally recruited United Nations staff member.

(7) The privileges and immunities for which provision is made in this Agreement are granted solely for the purpose of carrying out effectively the aims and purposes of the United Nations. The Secretary-General may waive the immunity of any staff member whenever, in his opinion, such immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the United Nations.

(8) Consultations with respect to modifications of this Agreement shall be entered into at the request of either Party.

(9) Either Party may terminate this Agreement by written notice addressed to the other Party. The Agreement shall terminate one year after receipt of such notice.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of exchange of letters.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your reply in that sense should be regarded as constituting an Agreement placing on record the understandings of the Parties in that matter.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

YASUSHI AKASHI

Under-Secretary-General for Public Information

H. E. Mr. Eugeniusz Noworyta
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the Polish People's Republic
to the United Nations
New York

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POLSKA RZECZPOSPOLITA LUDOWA

POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

STALE PRZEDSTAWICIELSTWO
PRZY NARODACH ZJEDNOCZONYCHPERMANENT MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 25 April 1986

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Dear Mr. Under-Secretary-General,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25 April 1986, which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Poland and that your letter and this reply constitute an Agreement between the Government of Poland and the United Nations which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

Dr. EUGENIUSZ NOWORYTA
Ambassador

Mr. Yasushi Akashi
Under-Secretary-General for Public Information
United Nations Headquarters
New York
