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PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

Letter dated 31 May 1949 from
the Permanent Representative of the Federal People's Republic
of Yugoslavia to the United Nations, addressed to
the Secretary-General

Upon the instruction of my Government, the Federal People's Republic
of Yugoslavia, I have the honour to nominate Ambassador Joseph Winiewicz
of Poland as candidate for the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of
Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities. Enclosed is a biography
on Mr. Winiewicz.

(Signed) Joza Vilfan

Permanent Representative of the F.P.R. of
Yugoslavia to the United Nations

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BIOGRAPHY ON JOZEF WINIEWICZ

Jozef Winiewicz, Polish Ambassador to the United States, was born in Poznan, Poland, on 6 June 1905. He attended the University of Posnan, where he received his degree in economics and political science in 1929. Mr. Winiewicz pursued a career in journalism, and eventually became editor-in-chief of the "Dziennik Poznanski". He was associated with this paper until the war broke out in 1939, when he eluded the Germans and fled to Warsaw, where his activities included broadcasting political commentaries on the Warsaw radio during the siege of the Polish capital. A few months after the city fell, Mr. Winiewicz escaped the Nazis and reached Hungary.

During 1940, Mr. Winiewicz edited a Polish newspaper in Budapest, and in the fall of 1941 went to London as an expert on problems concerning post-war questions. He returned to Poland in August 1945. In November 1945, he was appointed Counsellor of the Polish Embassy in London and held this post until December 1946. In May 1946, he headed the Polish delegation to the United Nations Special Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons in London and was elected vice-chairman of the Committee. As a member of the Polish delegation to the Peace Conference in Paris, in the summer and fall of 1946, Mr. Winiewicz took a leading part in discussions of treaties with former Axis satellite nations. He was one of Poland's delegates to the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations in London, and was named a delegate to the first session of the United Nations Assembly in London, the second and third sessions in New York. In April 1947 he headed the Polish delegation to the Special Session of the United Nations on Palestine. He represented Poland on the Political and Security Committee, and on the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee.

Mr. Winiewicz was named Ambassador of Poland to the United States at the end of 1946, and arrived in the United States on 23 January 1947.

Mr. Winiewicz specialized in national minority problems before the war, publishing numerous articles on this subject. In 1939 he published a book on the legal and political aspects of the German minority in Poland - "Mobilization of the German Forces in Poland". In London he worked as an expert of the Polish Government in exile on Polish-German relations and on the question of national minorities in general. During the war he published the following books and pamphlets: "German Withdrawal in the East", 1941; "German Failure in Poland", 1942; "The Quest for German Blood", 1943; "Aims and Failures of the German New Order", 1943; "Have we Allies Inside Germany?", 1944; and "The Polish-German Frontier", 1945.