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STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL  
FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Letter dated 12 December 1980 from the Permanent  
Representative of Poland to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

In its communications C.N. 296 and C.N. 297, dated 27 October 1980, the United Nations Secretariat informed of the signature, on behalf of the so-called "Government of Democratic Kampuchea", of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The Government of the Polish People's Republic, which is party to the above-mentioned instruments, wishes to inform Your Excellency that it **cannot** recognize the validity of these signatures.

The Government of the Polish People's Republic has on many occasions voiced its strong reservations on an opposition to the legitimacy of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary usurpers' régime. For, the only authentic and legitimate Government of Kampuchea is its People's Revolutionary Council which, following the downfall of the genocidal clique, has embarked upon a policy of peace and reconstruction, restoration of human dignity and basic rights to the entire Kampuchean nation. That Government expresses the will and aspirations of the people of Kampuchea and has gained wide recognition and respect all over the world for its vigorous efforts to get the country out of the disastrous situation brought upon it by the inhuman Pol Pot régime. In the view of the Government of Poland, it is the only legal authority entitled to represent its country on the international level, including the signing and acceptance of any international agreements.

It is indeed unfortunate that the act of signing important international human rights documents by some private persons has contributed to maintaining a

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political and legal fiction whereby access is given in the United Nations to a group of individuals who represent no one. This is neither a tribute to the millions of Kampuchean ruthlessly murdered by the Pol Pot clique nor a contribution to the cause of normalization of the situation in South-East Asia.

I should be grateful to Your Excellency if the text of this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 76 and 83.

(Signed) Ryszard FRELEK  
Ambassador

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