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Note verbale dated 29 April 1969 from the Permanent Mission of Poland  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Polish People's Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the letters dated 3 and 31 March 1969 of the Permanent Representative of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America contained in documents A/7521 and A/7541, has the honour to state the following:

In their letters the representatives of the three Powers once again refer to the status of the two German States, namely, the German Democratic Republic and the German Federal Republic. In total disregard of the actual state of affairs the representatives of the three Powers suggest that only the Government of the German Federal Republic is "... authorized to speak in the name of Germany as representative of the German people in international affairs".

In reply to similar assertions in the past the Government of the Polish People's Republic has repeatedly pointed out that the existence of the German Democratic Republic is an undeniable fact and cannot be affected by any statements which testify only to the failure to recognize this fact by some of the States.

Since its establishment the German Democratic Republic has successfully developed its statehood and international personality. In exercising its sovereign rights and pursuing a peace-loving policy it maintains diplomatic and consular as well as official trade and cultural relations with most of the States represented in the United Nations.

The non-recognition of the German Democratic Republic by certain States, therefore, does not and cannot affect its very existence as a sovereign and independent State.

The Permanent Mission of the Polish People's Republic to the United Nations would be grateful if this note could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

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