



Secretariat

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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management

Subject: HOST COUNTRY TRAVEL REGULATIONS*

1. The Secretary-General has received from the United States Mission to the United Nations a note verbale dated 7 May 1990 advising of changes in procedural requirements for private travel in the United States undertaken by staff members of Polish nationality and their dependants.
2. According to the note, the persons concerned, effective immediately, "will enjoy unrestricted travel within the United States".
3. The Secretary-General, in his reply of 10 May 1990, welcomed this decision by the host country. However, in view of the fact that similar restrictions still remain in force with respect to staff of certain other nationalities, the Secretary-General reiterated his position of principle concerning discriminatory treatment, by the host country, of members of the Secretariat solely on the basis of their nationality. The hope was expressed that all such previously imposed restrictions will be removed as soon as possible.
4. Copies of the two notes verbales are annexed to the present circular.
5. The existing arrangements for official travel remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.

* Personnel Manual index No. 13019.

Annex I

NOTE VERBALE DATED 7 MAY 1990 FROM THE UNITED STATES MISSION
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The United States Mission to the United Nations wishes to inform the Secretary-General of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States for Polish nationals working at the United Nations Secretariat.

Effective immediately, all Polish personnel and their dependants will enjoy unrestricted travel within the United States. In practice this means that these individuals will no longer be required to obtain hotel or campground accommodations, air, train or bus tickets, or car rentals from the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) for travel in the United States. Furthermore, these individuals will no longer have to notify in writing of any travel beyond the 25-mile radius of Columbus Circle in New York City.

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Annex II

NOTE VERBALE DATED 10 MAY 1990 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has the honour to refer to the note of 7 May 1990 from the United States Mission to the United Nations concerning changes in procedural requirements for private travel in the United States for Polish nationals working at the United Nations Secretariat.

According to the note "effective immediately, all Polish personnel and their dependants will enjoy unrestricted travel within the United States".

The Secretary-General welcomes this decision by the United States. However, in view of the fact that similar restrictions remain in force with respect to staff of certain other nationalities, the Secretary-General wishes to reiterate his well-known position of principle concerning discriminatory treatment of members of the Secretariat solely on the basis of their nationality and expresses the hope that all such previously imposed restrictions will be removed as soon as possible.

The existing arrangements regarding official travel in the United States of United Nations personnel remain unaffected.
