STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF POLAND

The following letter has been received from the delegation of Poland:

"Mr. President,

"When the text of the Final Act was approved at a plenary session of the Conference, it has been made clear that the signing of the Final Act does not bind in any way the respective Governments. I informed my Government accordingly.

"The Polish diplomatic traditions however attach more significance to the signing of international documents than it would appear from the wording of the Final Act and its interpretation by the Conference. Technical difficulties prevented my Government from studying the Havana Charter and its implications as thoroughly as a document of such magnitude and importance would require; the Polish Government therefore wish to have the final text of the Charter and a detailed report on the Conference before taking any decision. Under the circumstances I regret to inform you that I am not in a position at present to sign the Final Act.

"I would like to emphasize however that this does not in any way prejudge the attitude of the Polish Government towards the Havana Charter.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ M. Blusztajn

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Acting Head of the Polish Delegation"