

FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

ACQUISITION OF DANZIG NATIONALITY

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LETTER, DATED AUGUST 28TH, 1934, FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AT DANZIG TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

[*Translation.*]

Danzig, August 28th, 1934.

I have the honour to send you herewith a copy of two letters P.A.b.28⁰² concerning the question of the acquisition of Danzig nationality (Part I, Section I, of the Warsaw Agreement), which I received on August 8th, 1934, from the President of the Senate of the Free City

With reference to the suggestion made to the High Commissioner by the Committee of Experts in the Advisory Opinion rendered on July 30th, 1933, the President of the Senate stated in the first of these letters that, if the High Commissioner would agree to postpone for a period of five years his decision on the Polish request of October 22nd, 1932, the Free City would give, as regards the acquisition of Danzig nationality—and for this five-year period—the undertaking referred to in the above-mentioned letter.

Noting the President's declaration and in view of the Polish Government's consent, I have the honour to inform you that I have suspended for a trial period of five years the decision regarding the Polish request of October 22nd, 1932. On the expiration of this five-year period, which begins to run from to-day the question will be reconsidered by the High Commissioner in the light of the data furnished to him at the end of each year, in accordance with the undertaking given by the Senate of the Free City

Copies of two letters which I have to-day sent to the parties concerned are attached.

I should be grateful if you would communicate the foregoing to the Council for its information.

(*Signed*) Sean LESTER,
High Commissioner

Annex 1.

SENATE OF THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

P.A.b.28⁰²

Danzig, August 8th, 1934.

To the High Commissioner of the League of Nations.

The question of the conditions governing the acquisition of Danzig nationality (Part I, Section I, of the Warsaw Agreement) having been discussed by the Committee, the Government of the Free City of Danzig declares that, should the High Commissioner agree to postpone for five years the decisions which he is requested to take in regard to that section of the Warsaw Agreement, the Government of the Free City will not, during that period, engage in the Danzig Government service any aliens as subordinate officials in any circumstances or as officials of the intermediate grade, apart from the appointment, as an exceptional measure, of teaching staff.

Danzig further undertakes not to appoint higher officials of foreign nationality unless it cannot find amongst its own nationals candidates having the qualifications required for the post in question. Such appointments of aliens will be made in exceptional cases only and, where they are necessary Danzig will select nationals of different foreign States. At the end of each year Danzig will inform the High Commissioner, for his information with a view to the decision that he is to take at the end of the five years, whether any aliens have been appointed, and will state the reasons for each appointment.

The above-mentioned rules shall apply also to persons in holy orders and ministers of religion.

(*Signed*) RAUSCHNING.

Annex 2.

SENATE OF THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

P.A.b.28⁰²

Danzig, August 8th, 1934.

To the High Commissioner of the League of Nations.

With reference to my letter of to-day's date, No. P.A.b.28⁰² regarding the conditions governing the acquisition of Danzig nationality (Part I, Section I, of the Warsaw Agreement), I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Free City of Danzig and the Government of the Republic of Poland have agreed that letter No. P.A.b.28⁰² of to-day's date, addressed to the High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig, shall not affect the undertakings entered into by the Free City of Danzig regarding the treatment of Polish nationals and other persons of Polish origin or speech in the territory of the Free City of Danzig.

(Signed) RAUSCHNING.

Annex 3.

Danzig, August 28th, 1934.

To His Excellency the President of the Senate of the Free City of Danzig.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your two letters, P.A.b.28⁰² of August 8th, 1934, concerning the question of the acquisition of Danzig nationality (Part I, Section I, of the Warsaw Agreement).

With reference to the suggestion made to the High Commissioner by the Committee of Experts in the Advisory Opinion rendered on July 30th, 1933, you stated in the first of these letters that, if the High Commissioner would agree to postpone for a period of five years his decision on the Polish request of October 22nd, 1932, the Free City would give, as regards the conditions for the acquisition of Danzig nationality—and for this five-year period—the undertaking referred to in your above-mentioned letter.

Noting your declaration and in view of the Polish Government's consent, I have the honour to inform you that I suspend for a trial period of five years the decision regarding the Polish request of October 22nd, 1932. On the expiration of this period, which begins to run from to-day the question will be reconsidered by the High Commissioner in the light of the data furnished to him at the end of each year, in accordance with the undertaking given by the Senate of the Free City.

A letter in the same terms has been sent to-day to the diplomatic representative of Poland. A copy of this letter and of the letter which I have just sent to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations to be communicated to the Council for its information are attached.

(Signed) Sean LESTER,
High Commissioner

Annex 4.

Danzig, August 28th, 1934.

*To His Excellency M. K. Papée,
Commissioner-General of the Polish Republic at Danzig.*

I have the honour to send you herewith copy of two letters P.A.b.28⁰² regarding the question of the acquisition of Danzig nationality (Part I, Section I, of the Warsaw Agreement), which I received on August 8th, 1934, from the President of the Senate.

With reference to the suggestion made to the High Commissioner by the Committee of Experts in the Advisory Opinion given on July 30th, 1933, the President of the Senate states in the first of his letters that, if the High Commissioner agrees to postpone for a period of five years his decision regarding the Polish request of October 22nd, 1932, the Free City will give, for the period of five years, the undertakings referred to in the above-mentioned letter regarding the conditions governing acquisition of Danzig nationality.

Noting the declaration made by the President of the Senate, and in view of the Polish Government's consent, I have the honour to inform you that I suspend for a trial period of five years the decision regarding the Polish request of October 22nd, 1932. On the expiration of this five-year period, which begins to run from to-day the question will be reconsidered by the High Commissioner in the light of the data furnished to him at the end of each year in accordance with the undertaking given by the Senate of the Free City.

Please find attached herewith copy of the letter I have to-day sent to the Senate of the Free City and also copy of the letter I have just despatched to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, to be transmitted to the Council for information.

(Signed) Sean LESTER,
High Commissioner