

2. PARTICIPATION OF DANZIG IN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS¹

Information has been received from the Swiss Federal Council of the adhesion of Poland, on behalf of Danzig, to (1) the Agreement of April 14th, 1891, as later revised, concerning international registration of trade marks, and (2) the Agreement of April 14th, 1891, as later revised, for the prevention of false indication of origin on goods. These adhesions have been registered with the Secretariat.²

3. MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS.

Correspondence has also been received on a number of other questions, including *the question of German officials employed in Danzig on liquidation work* — these officials ceased work on July 1st, 1923, the business being carried on by the German Consulate in Danzig; *the right of the Polish Government to purchase certain property situated in Poland and in the possession of a Danzig Association marks to be used on Danzig aeroplanes.*

Information for the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation concerning *the intellectual life in the Free City* has also been received through the Polish Government, as well as from certain scientific institutions in Danzig.

The situation as regards *the opium and dangerous drugs problem in the Free City* has also been the subject of communications received through the Polish Government.

The following publications are received regularly in the Secretariat:

1. Official Law Bulletin and Journal of the Free City (in German)
2. The Record of the Meetings of the Volkstag (in German)
3. The Official Journal of the Harbour Board (in German and Polish).

Annex.

MINUTE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLISH RAILWAY DIRECTION AT DANZIG.

[Translation from the German.]

The Polish Government has appealed to the Council of the League of Nations against the Decision, dated December 12th, 1922, of the High Commissioner of the League of Nations regarding the establishment of a Polish Railway Direction at Danzig.

As a result of further negotiations, the Senate of the Free City of Danzig and the Government of the Polish Republic have agreed that, for the present, this Decision shall be regarded as in-operative.

The two parties have agreed to conduct further negotiations on the following lines:

The Polish Railway Direction shall retain the offices it has hitherto occupied at Danzig and, in principle, the sphere of operation and extent of the railway system under its management shall remain unchanged. The Polish Government declares that the retention of the Railway Direction at Danzig is intended to serve economic and technical, but not political purposes, such as the naturalisation of Polish officials in Danzig.

The Polish Railway Administration shall re-organise the Polish Railway Direction at Danzig on the lines laid down by the experts during their discussions on June 12th and 13th, 1923.

In particular, the sphere of activity of the existing Danzig Railway Departments: General Management, Traffic Department and Engineering Department shall be limited to the Danzig lines, including the through lines Marienburg-Tczew and Danzig-Strzebielin and subsidiary lines.

Further, without prejudice to the organisation and activities of the Railway Direction, and having regard to the fact that it also manages railway lines situated outside the territory of the Free City no special economic burdens shall be placed on the Free City of Danzig.

The questions of the obligation of the Free City to provide housing, and of the railway officials to pay taxes shall be settled on these lines.

The Senate of the Free City reserves the right to state its wishes regarding traffic development and improvement in the course of the further negotiations which are to take place.

Should the final agreement proposed in this memorandum not be reached by December 31st, 1923, the Senate of the Free City of Danzig and the Government of the Polish Republic reserve the right to revert to the legal position.

¹ *Official Journal*, February 1923, page 159.

² *Treaty Series*, Volume XV pages 324 and 325; 338 and 339.