

Resolution on the German-Polish Frontier adopted by the German Bundestag (21 June 1990)

Caption: On 21 June 1990, the German Bundestag adopts a resolution which confirms the course of the Oder-Neisse Line as the border between the united Germany and the Republic of Poland.

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The German Bundestag,

- conscious of its responsibility in the light of German and European history,
- firmly resolved to help achieve in free self-determination the unity and freedom of Germany so that Germany will serve the peace and freedom of the world as an equal partner in a united Europe based on the rule of law and respect for human rights,
- anxious to make a contribution through German unity to the development of a peaceful order in Europe in which frontiers no longer divide, which enables all European nations to live together in mutual trust and engage in comprehensive cooperation for the common benefit, and which ensures lasting peace, freedom and stability,
- conscious of the terrible suffering inflicted on the Polish people through crimes perpetrated by Germans and in the name of Germany,
- conscious of the great injustice done to millions of Germans who have been expelled from their native regions,
- desiring that a united Germany and the Republic of Poland, mindful of the tragic and painful chapters of history, systematically continue the policy of understanding and reconciliation between Germans and Poles, shape their relations with a view to the future and thus set an example of good-neighborliness,
- convinced that special importance attaches to the young generation's commitment to reconciliation of the two nations,
- expecting the freely elected People's Chamber of the GDR to issue simultaneously an identical declaration,

expresses its will that the course of the frontier between the united Germany and the Republic of Poland be definitively confirmed, by a treaty under international law, as follows:

The course of the frontier between the united Germany and the Republic of Poland shall be as specified in the "Agreement between the German Democratic Republic and the Polish Republic concerning the Demarcation of the Established and Existing German-Polish State Frontier" of 6 July 1950 as well as the accords implementing and supplementing the aforementioned agreement (Treaty of 22 May 1989 between the German Democratic Republic and the Polish People's Republic on the Delimitation of the Sea Areas in the Oder Bay; Instrument of 27 January 1951 confirming the Demarcation of the State Frontier between Germany and Poland) and in the "Treaty between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Polish People's Republic concerning the Basis for Normalizing their Mutual Relations" of 7 December 1970.

The two sides reaffirm the inviolability of the frontier existing between them now and in the future and undertake to respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity without restriction.

The two sides declare that they have no territorial claims whatsoever against each other and that they will not assert such claims in the future.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is formally called upon to communicate this resolution to the Republic of Poland as the expression of its will.

