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GERMAN FOUNDATION FOR HOLOCAUST ERA CLAIMS ESTABLISHED

The United States welcomes German Acting President Biedenkopf's signature on August 12 of a law establishing the foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future." Under the leadership of the Special Representative of the President and the Secretary of State for Holocaust Issues, Treasury Deputy Secretary Stuart Eizenstat, the United States took an active role in supporting this legislation.

The United States believes that the foundation should be the exclusive remedy for the resolution of all asserted claims against German companies arising from the Nazi era. Claims covered by the law include slave and forced labor, aryанизation, medical experimentation and other cases of personal injury and damage to or loss of property including banking assets and insurance policies.

We encourage all individuals who believe that they might be eligible to file a claim to check the Department of State website at [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov) for information about eligibility and the filing of claims.