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Pursuant to the Art. 79 § 2 of the constitutional law, I decide as follows:

**Art 1.**

Any legal acts and orders of the authorities occupying the territory of the Polish State, if they exceed the limits of the provisional administration of the occupied territory, are, in accordance with the provisions of the 4th Hague Convention of 1907 on the laws and customs of war on land, invalid and non-existent.

**Art 2.**

**(1)**

Any legal acts of the orders of the authorities occupying the territory of the Polish State regarding the transfer, encumbrance, limitation or limitation under a different name of property rights: State Treasury, municipal unions, state and municipal enterprises, public institutions and natural and legal persons for the benefit of foreign states, foreigners or foreign persons legal and settlements in real estate of foreign nationals under any legal title are invalid and non-existent.

**(2)**

Invalid and non-existent are the legal acts issued by the occupying authorities of the territory of the Polish state listed in paragraph 1 when they result from the application of national extermination policy.

**Art 3.**

**(1)**

Invalid and unimportant are any legal acts of the authorities occupying the territory of the Polish state regarding the introduction of sequestration, compulsory administration, or introducing under a different name changes in the manner of managing and using the property of natural and legal persons under Polish law, as well as any legal acts of these authorities concerning changes in the composition of company governing bodies and personnel managing the interests of natural and legal persons,

(2)

If these acts were taken at the unconstrained request of Polish citizens and in their interest, the granting of legal force to such acts will take place under the procedure of recognition by the Polish authorities.

Art 4.

All legal acts and orders made by the authorities occupying the territory of the Polish state are invalid and invalid in relation to the rights and property of Polish citizens and Polish legal persons located outside the territory of Poland.

Art 5.

Any rights acquired by a natural or legal person to any real estate or any rights based on: the orders and legal acts of the occupation authorities considered invalid by this decree are invalid and irrelevant. Also void and non-existent are any legal rights acquired by any natural or legal person to any property or any rights arising from contracts or the application of mandatory provisions, to the extent that they relate to the objects and rights referred to in the previous articles.

Art 6.

The acts of ordinary, established by the occupation authorities, management of someone else's property during the war within the necessary need and normal operation, conducted on the basis of honesty and good faith, will require recognition by the Polish authorities after examining the management of someone else's property.

Art 7.

Any legal acts that were taken by Polish citizens under direct or indirect coercion of the occupation authorities are invalid and void. These acts may be submitted for registration to the Polish authorities with a justified reservation of the aggrieved parties. Any aggrieved party has the right to bring an action before a court to declare these acts invalid.

Art 8.

A Polish citizen who will voluntarily assist the occupation authorities in carrying out the acts referred to in Articles 1-5, will be punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine or confiscation of all property.

Art 9.

The provisions of this decree apply to the already issued legal acts and orders of the occupying authorities, as well as to any legal acts and orders of these authorities that are inconsistent with the provisions of this decree, which will be issued after the entry into force of this decree.

Art 10.

This decree is effective on the day of its promulgation.

Art 11.

The execution of the decree is entrusted to the Prime Minister and the competent Ministers.

**President of the Polish Republic**  
Władysław Raczkiewicz

**Prime Minister**  
Władysław Sikorski

