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The Commission on Preservation and Access (Washington) has contracted with the National Library of Poland to convert to machine-readable form the register of microforms held by Polish libraries. The project will speed up the input of data on collections of Poland's libraries to the databases and make access to them easier, while helping to facilitate access to important and valuable materials for scholars of both Europe and America.

The three-year project is scheduled to begin on January 1, 1994. It is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The converted records - bibliographic citations of microforms available in Polish libraries - will become an integral part of the automated catalog of the Polish National Library. All information converted to machine-readable form under this project will be made available to the U.S. library and scholarly communities in a U.S.-compatible form.

This contract is viewed as a way to begin involving countries outside the European Community in the International Program initiative to make preservation records widely available.