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X/13/9 CS - SWEDES SEEK STOP TO MODERN MUSIC FESTIVAL IN WARSAW

STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 4 (RFE SPECIAL/LISINSKI/DH) -- THE SWEDISH SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CONTEMPORARY MUSIC HAS INITIATED AN EFFORT TO CALL OFF THE SCHEDULED MODERN MUSIC FESTIVAL IN WARSAW SEPT. 21-28.

SWEDISH ISCM CHAIRMAN GUNNAR BUCHT, A COMPOSER, SAID HE SENT A CABLE TO ALL NATIONAL SECTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION ON AUG. 29. HE SAID THE CABLE ASKED "IN VIEW OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IF WE SHOULD NOT DEEPLY RE-CONSIDER AND CANCEL THE DECISION TO HOLD THE FESTIVAL IN WARSAW THIS YEAR."

AS OF YESTERDAY, BUCHT SAID THE POLISH SECTION HAD NOT REPLIED BUT "SOME OTHERS" HAD. HE WOULD NOT DIVULGE THE INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDE OF THE RESPONDERS, BUT DID SAY SOME AGREED WITH CANCELLATION AND OTHERS "POLITELY OPPOSED" THE IDEA. AMONG COUNTRIES HE DID IDENTIFY BY NAME, DENMARK WAS OPPOSED AND HOLLAND FOR CANCELLATION, HE SAID.

BUCHT SAID IT WAS "NOT YET CLEAR" WHETHER THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE HELD AS PLANNED IN POLAND.

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