**Poland, currently heading EU, withdraws from Durban III**

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Poland, which is currently heading the European Union, will not participate in the Durban III anti-racism conference.

Tad Taube, the honorary consul for the Republic of Poland in the San Francisco Bay Area, said Poland had withdrawn its official participation in the Sept. 22 conference in New York. The conference is marking the 10-year anniversary of the original World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, which degenerated into an anti-Israel fest.

Taube said the fact that Poland has the rotating European Union presidency until December complicated the decision.

Poland joins New Zealand, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Germany, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Israel and the United States in boycotting the conference.