

Federal Ministry of the Interior

Under the Paris Agreements, the Federal Republic of Germany assumed the obligation of providing the necessary funds for the work of the International Tracing Service to continue. From 1955 to 1969, the Minister for Expellees, Refugees and Victims of War looked after the interests of the ITS. Since 1969, it has been the Federal Ministry of the Interior which has had this responsibility, including provision of funds.

The Section for Expellees, Refugees and Victims of War in the Federal Ministry of the Interior is responsible for the International Tracing Service. The ITS not only refers to it concerning its budget but also turns to it in matters of access to archives in the Federal Republic. Manfred Meissner, Superior Counsellor in the Section, is the person there who, since July 1978, has handled all matters concerning the ITS.

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