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In view of the wide interest in the article on the First Biennale of Swiss Painters Abroad, which appeared in the issue of December 1982, we have pleasure in giving

you the address of the gallery which organized the exhibition: La Maison des Arts, 1026 Den- ges/Lausanne, Switzerland. You will be pleased to learn that a

second biennial exhibition will be organized in 1984. Details will be given in this periodical in due course.

## Solidarity Fund of the Swiss Abroad

### 25 years of successful self-help



Since its foundation 25 years ago the Solidarity Fund of the Swiss Abroad has proved its effectiveness and justified its existence over and over again. About 6.7 million francs have so far been paid out in compensatory lump sums to more than 500 people because they had lost their livelihood abroad. Yet only a very small percentage of the Swiss and dual nationals who live abroad have joined the Solidarity Fund.

The Solidarity Fund is not intended only for Swiss residing in politically unstable countries, however. On the contrary: membership of the Fund enables anyone who has founded a new home in a politically and economically secure environment to make both a savings investment in Swit-

zerland on favourable terms and a «free of charge» solidarity contribution for the benefit of all those Swiss abroad who live in countries where the political conditions are a threat to their livelihood.

The savings investment can be made through a single deposit or through annual contributions, as desired, and this also insures the contributor for a compensatory lump sum ranging from 2500 francs to 50000 francs according to the size of the investment. The money paid in is invested on favourable terms in gilt-edged securities under the supervision of the Federal Administration of Finances. Furthermore, the Swiss Confederation has shouldered an unlimited deficit guarantee in the event

of excessive claims on the Solidarity Fund. Contributions can be withdrawn at any time (in the case of single deposits, only after three years), together with interest and compound interest. The repayment entitlement is determined by the duration of membership and the amount of contributions paid. Moreover, the interest is not subject to Federal Withholding Tax, which means a gross interest rate up to a maximum of 5.38%.

By joining you will help to strengthen further the basis of the Solidarity Fund and at the same time demonstrate your solidarity with all those who live in economically and politically insecure countries.

#### Declaration of Enrolment

Name and first name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of origin in Switzerland: \_\_\_\_\_

Exact address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered with the Swiss Representation in: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to join the Solidarity Fund for Swiss Abroad and I have chosen:

a) **Variation 1**

b) **Variation 2**

please mark as required

Single savings deposit of <input type="checkbox"/> SFr. 1800.- <input type="checkbox"/> SFr. 3600.- <input type="checkbox"/> SFr. 5400.-	Annual savings deposits of <input type="checkbox"/> SFr. 100.- <input type="checkbox"/> SFr. 200.- <input type="checkbox"/> SFr. 300.-	Corresponding compensatory lump sum of SFr. 2500.- SFr. 5000.- SFr. 7500.-
Rate of interest <b>3 ½ % net.</b> The single savings deposit may be withdrawn with compound interest at the earliest after 3 years (free of withholding tax)	With annual savings deposits, refunds of <b>100%</b> of payments made are possible after <b>5 years.</b> (After 10 years 112,5%, after 20 years 139%)	For variations <b>a)</b> and <b>b)</b>

In addition, you have the possibility at any time to increase the single savings deposit or the annual payments, should your circumstances change. According to the level of insurance the lump sum compensations are amounting from SFr. 2500.- up to SFr. 50000.-.

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to:** Solidarity Fund for Swiss Abroad, Gutenbergstrasse 6, CH-3011 **Berne**