

Following the information on the alert on Poland published by the Council of Europe Platform of Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists on the 28th of January 2021, the Government of Poland wishes to inform that according to the National Prosecution Service of the Republic of Poland, the prosecution authorities have thus far not received an offence notification neither from Mr Piotr Żytnicki personally nor from the editors of the newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza where Mr Żytnicki publishes, against Mr Michał Woźnicki, a suspended Roman-Catholic priest, expelled in August 2018 from the congregation of Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB), on allegedly abusive remarks addressed against the journalist.

Therefore, without any formal legal steps being undertaken by the affected party against Mr Woźnicki, the Government of Poland is not in a position to add a relevant comment on the matter raised in the alert published on the Platform on the 28th of January 2021.