

**Reply from the Polish authorities regarding the alert “Gazeta Wyborcza Journalists Magda Koziół and Joanna Urbańska-Jaworska Assaulted by Masked Men while Covering Women’s March”**

*Polish Police has been informed of assaults against life, health, freedoms and property which occurred during the demonstrations held in the City of Wrocław on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 and undertook appropriate procedures in this regard.*

*Due to causing exposure to imminent danger of loss of life or serious harm on health and causing violations of bodily functions or health disorders lasting longer than 7 days against two journalists of Gazeta Wyborcza daily - Ms. Joanna Urbańska-Jaworska and Ms. Magdalena Koziół, which is an act punishable under Article 160 § 1 of the Penal Code and with Article 157 § 2 of the Penal Code in connection with Article 11 § 2 of the Penal Code, the Police undertook appropriate proceedings (case no. RSD-122/20), which are supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Wrocław (prosecution file number PO I 82.2020).*

*The suspected perpetrator of an attack on Ms Joanna Urbańska-Jaworska has been identified by the Police, arrested, questioned as a suspect and brought to the District Prosecutor's Office in Wrocław.*

*The Police also filed in a request to the Prosecutor’s Office to impose preventive measures against the suspected perpetrator. The prosecutor applied following measures against the suspect: (1) property bail amounting 6.000,00 PLN, (2) Police supervision (the suspect is obliged to report to the Police once a week), (3) prohibition of leaving Poland combined with withdrawal of passport document from the suspect.*

*At current stage, the Prosecutor has launched a preparatory proceeding against the identified suspect under the Article 217 § 1 of the Penal Code in connection with Article 57a of the Penal Code, namely the violation of bodily inviolability of a hooligan nature. Moreover, the suspect has been accused of committing another crime under Article 62 para 1 or the Act of 29 July 2005 on counteracting drug addiction.*

*Due to the fact that these acts are punishable with a sentence of up to 3 years of imprisonment, the prosecutor has collected vast majority of evidence materials and the suspect has partially admitted to committed act, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 the Prosecutor imposed preventive measure which do not include arrest, namely 6.000,00 PLN bail, Police supervision with suspect being obliged to report to the Police station at least once a week and prohibition of leaving the country, combined with withdrawal of passport from the accused.*

*With regard to identifying and detaining the perpetrator of an attack against Ms Magdalena Koziół, procedural and non-procedural activities (i.a. review the surveillance recordings, analysis of information posted on the Internet, including on social networks) aimed at of Police are still ongoing.*