



Warsaw, 2 February 2018

Republic of Poland
Minister
of Foreign Affairs
Jacek Czaputowicz

Mr. Nils Muižnieks
Commissioner for Human Rights
of the Council of Europe

Dear Mr. Muižnieks,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 19 January 2018 addressed to the Polish Prime Minister which I brought to his attention. I would like to express my appreciation for your activities carried out pursuant to your mandate aiming at better human rights protection. At the same time, knowing that your term of office expires in March this year, I would like to thank you for your cooperation with the Polish Government.

The Polish authorities accept that the role of the Commissioner assigned to him by the Council of Europe Member States is to address different problems in order to improve the standards of human rights protection in Europe.

The Government note that in your letter you raised a wide range of issues concerning the human rights situation in Poland. I am confident that some of your concerns would have been alleviated by a thorough analysis of the issues in question. In view of the recent election of Ms. Dunja Mijatović as Commissioner for Human Rights, I would like to assure you that any issue which might give rise to a concern regarding human rights protection will be thoroughly discussed with your successor.

The Polish Government are willing to conduct a constructive dialogue with the incumbent Commissioner to improve the human rights situation in Poland. We were pleased to hear that one of the Commissioner-elect's key aims is to engage with Member State governments and to conduct a constructive dialogue for the benefit of our mutually shared objective to ensure better human rights protection for all individuals.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,