

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 30 June 2021

Dear Minister,

It is with concern and disappointment that I have read recent statements from the Polish authorities relating to a judgment of the European Court of Human Rights.

Allegations that judgments from the Court are politically motivated are not helpful. They undermine the authority of this institution and the credibility of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights as a whole.

All 47 Council of Europe member states, including Poland, have regularly reaffirmed their deep and abiding commitment to the Court as a cornerstone of the system for protecting the rights and freedoms set forth in the Convention. They recently did so in the Committee of Ministers' Declaration on the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe, when they also affirmed their commitment to securing the independent functioning of the judiciary and to continuously reinforcing the authority of the rule of law.

I trust that Poland will remain committed to supporting the implementation of the Convention, as interpreted by the Strasbourg Court, in Polish law – which includes the obligation assumed by the High Contracting Parties to execute the Court's final judgments.

Be assured that the Council of Europe remains at your country's disposal to provide all necessary assistance in this respect.

Yours sincerely,



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