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Appeal to Mr. Andrzej Duda, President of Poland

The European Association of Judges (EAJ) represents 44 national associations of judges in Europe. It is a regional Group of the International Association of Judges, that represent around 85 countries worldwide, totally committed to protect and preserve the independence of the judiciary in a neutral and apolitical manner.

The recent three Polish Laws on the National Judicial Council, the system of the common courts and the Supreme Court constitutes, each one of them but, also, the three considered as a whole, a clear and terrible violation of the principles of separation of powers and of the independence of courts.

As already expressed by EAJ in a previous public statement “the present situation in Polish Judiciary represents a methodical demolishing of the fundamental right to an independent court in a manner never seen in any democratic country belonging to the European Union and governed by the Rule of Law.”

During the past few days we have received in our secretariat in Rome numerous declarations from the most representative national judiciaries, not only from all over Europe, but also from other continents, from Argentina to Australia, asking for a halt on these law reforms in Poland.

Your Excellency, Mr. President, have now the opportunity to defend the Rule of Law and our established European standards regarding the Judiciary.

Therefore, as President of EAJ, let me join to many other voices, in particular the one of our Polish member, Iustitia, appealing to considerer our founded apprehensions and alarm.

Yours Respectfully,

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(President of the European Association of Judges)