



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL JUSTICE and CONSUMERS

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Dear Petitioner,

The Commission would like to recall that according to Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, the Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.

The Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, is committed to protecting the EU's common values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union. Under the Treaties on which the European Union is based¹, the European Commission has no general powers to intervene with the Member States. It can only do so if an issue of European Union law is involved.

The Commission will continue to follow closely the developments and remains strongly committed to upholding EU law and values in the interest of the citizens of Poland and of the other Member States of the Union.

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¹ Treaty on European Union and Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.