

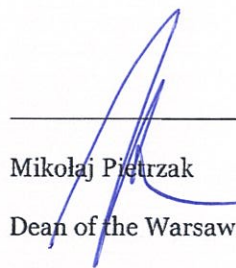



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The Paris Bar, the German Bar Association and the Warsaw Bar Association of Advocates stand together today with the judges targeted by repressive disciplinary measures and voice their support for independence of the judiciary and autonomy of lawyers in Poland and throughout Europe.

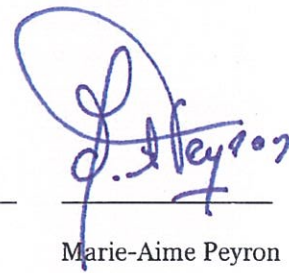
The draft law introducing severe disciplinary measures against judges who would seek to verify the legality and constitutional legitimacy of the National Judiciary Council, the newly created Supreme Court chambers or other courts or tribunals, is inconsistent with European and democratic standards and is a threat to fair trial rights in Poland.

We call upon the Polish Parliament to withdraw from further work on this dangerous legislation and instead to focus on strengthening the independence of the judiciary and its important role in the democratic system of protection of rights and freedoms.


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