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Embassy  
of the Republic of Poland  
in Oslo

**Terje Einarsen**  
**Chairperson ICJ Norway**  
**International Commission of Jurists**

*Dear Mr. Chairman,*

Thank you very much for your interest in Poland, as well as sharing your opinion.

The reform of Polish judiciary system is a complex and constantly developing issue, as you probably know following the case. The draft amendments of the acts: the Law on the structure of common courts, the Act on the Supreme Court and some other regulations are currently in the process of legislative work. The changes were adopted by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland (Lower Chamber of our Parliament) on December 20, 2019. On January 17, the Senate (Upper Chamber) rejected the bill, and subsequently it was returned to the Sejm, which then accepted it. However, the decision of the President of the Republic of Poland on the possible signing of the bill in the version adopted by the Parliament is still pending.

Moreover, there is an on-going discussion of the Polish Government with European Union's institutions as regards the scope and particular solutions proposed in the amendments. We are open to have a constructive dialogue on the law amendments, also with the non-governmental institutions. The dynamics of the changes, the on-going discussions with the European Commission mean, that it's not the most suitable moment for the meeting you suggest, as well as format for discussing the judiciary reform in Poland.

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