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Dear Mr Igreja Matos,

Thank you for transmitting the Open Letter of the European Association of Judges on the situation of the Judiciary in Poland.

Since March 2016, the Venice Commission has given a number of opinions on legal reforms in Poland:

- CDL-AD(2017)031 Poland - Opinion on the Draft Act amending the Act on the National Council of the Judiciary; on the Draft Act amending the Act on the Supreme Court, proposed by the President of Poland, and on the Act on the Organisation of Ordinary Courts, adopted by the Commission at its 113th Plenary Session (Venice, 8-9 December 2017)
- CDL-AD(2017)028 Poland - Opinion on the Act on the Public Prosecutor's office, as amended, adopted by the Venice Commission at its 113th Plenary Session (Venice, 8-9 December 2017).
- CDL-AD(2016)026 Poland - Opinion on the Act on the Constitutional Tribunal, adopted by the Venice Commission at its 108th Plenary Session, (Venice, 14-15 October 2016)
- CDL-AD(2016)012 Poland - Opinion on the Act of 15 January 2016 amending the Police Act and certain other Acts, adopted by the Venice Commission at its 107th Plenary Session (Venice, 10-11 June 2016)
- CDL-AD(2016)001 Poland - Opinion on amendments to the Act of 25 June 2015 on the Constitutional Tribunal, adopted by the Venice Commission at its 106th Plenary Session (Venice, 11-12 March 2016)

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Most of these opinions relate to the Polish Judiciary (constitutional and ordinary). From these opinions, you will see that the Venice Commission shares your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gianni Buquicchio', written in a cursive style.

Gianni Buquicchio