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On the occasion of recent developments in Poland where Polish Parliament "Seim" decided to renew the mandate and elect a new National Council of the Judiciary, we, the Board of EAJ, are issuing the following

## **STATEMENT**

to the public, international judges' community and a those who have power and authority to change the course Polish authorities are taking to further diminish the independence of the Polish judiciary:

Yesterday the majority in Polish Parliament decided on the new composition of the National Council of the Judiciary - depriving from the Polish Constitution and the judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights.

This is another in the series of acts of Polish authorities which ignore the European treaties and principles on which the European Union is built on and functioning.

As the Board of European Association of Judges, representing 44 judges' associations in Europe, we encourage our Polish colleagues to obey and follow Polish Constitution, supranational treaties and the judgments of ECJ and ECHR in this area independently and autonomously.

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