



# Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

The Director

Warsaw, 6 May 2020

Mr. Maciej Kawałko  
Judge of the District Court  
Szczecin

Dear Mr. Kawałko,

Thank you for the letter dated 28 April in which you and your colleagues from among the judges of Poland outline your concerns with the proposed changes to the electoral legal framework in Poland.

At the request of Dr. Adam Bodnar, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland, followed by the request of the Legislative Committee of the Polish Senate, ODIHR undertook a legal review of the Draft Act of 6 April 2020 on Special Rules for Conducting the General Election of the President of the Republic of Poland Ordered in 2020 (Senate Paper No.99). The opinion has since been published and is available on the ODIHR website (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/poland/450856>).

While it was not possible for ODIHR to proceed with the planned Limited Election Observation Mission to the 10 May election in Poland due to the current global health crisis and restrictions on international travel, we continue to follow the electoral developments in Poland. In this regard, allow me to thank you once again for conveying your views to ODIHR and to assure you that we have given due consideration to your opinion on the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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