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Open Letter

Open letter of the Ambassadors of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, as well as Chief of Mission of the Consulate General of the Republic of Kosova in Warsaw, the Representative of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, the General Representative of the Government of Flanders, the Secretary General of the Community of Democracies, the Regional Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Head of Central Europe and the Baltic States, the Head of the European Commission Representation in Poland, the Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Poland, the Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration, the Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the Deputy Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

This letter has been coordinated by the Diplomats for Equality co-chairmanship in Poland.

We express our support for the efforts to raise public awareness of issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual (LGBTQIA+) persons, as well as other communities within Poland facing similar challenges. Awareness is the first step to understand and promote a positive change.

We reaffirm the inherent dignity of each individual as expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights law. Respect for human rights, which are also enshrined in OSCE commitments and the obligations and standards of the Council of Europe and the European Union as communities of rights and values, requires governments to protect all citizens from violence and discrimination and to ensure they enjoy equal opportunities. To this end, and in particular to shield individuals and communities in need of protection from verbal and physical abuse and hate speech, we need to collectively foster an environment of non-discrimination, tolerance, and mutual acceptance across society, and particularly in sectors such as education, health, social affairs, citizenship and public service.

We acknowledge the efforts of the organisers of the equality parade and marches in Bielsko-Biała, Gdańsk, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Łódź, Katowice, Kielce, Koszalin, Kraków, Poznań, Rzeszów, Słubice/Frankfurt, Słupsk, Szczecin, Warszawa and Wrocław. We also recognise the LGBTQIA+ community's contributions, as an integral part of Polish society, to supporting

those fleeing from Russian aggression in Ukraine over the last 4 years, and to persons affected by other conflicts and persecution.

We acknowledge the actions taken by the Polish government in advancing the rights and dignity of LGBTQIA+ individuals, particularly efforts to advance a legislative proposal for establishing the status of the closest person in a relationship in Poland. We welcome efforts by the Government to ensure LGBTQIA+ civil partnerships concluded elsewhere in the EU are recognized in Poland within a legal framework.

We pay tribute to the hard work of LGBTQIA+ persons and other communities in Poland and around the world, as well as the work of all those who seek to ensure the human rights of LGBTQIA+ and other persons belonging to communities facing similar challenges, and to end discrimination in particular on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics to ensuring everyone is treated with dignity.

We reaffirm human rights are universal, inalienable, indivisible and interdependent. Everyone, including LGBTQIA+ persons, is entitled to their full enjoyment.

This is something that everyone should support.

Signed,

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H.E. Rik Van Droogenbroeck, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium

H.E. Catherine Godin, Ambassador of Canada

H.E. Rodrigo Ruiz Ortiz, Ambassador of Chile

H.E. Nicos Nicolaou, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus

H.E. Jakob Henningsen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark

H.E. Miko Haljas, Ambassador of the Republic of Estonia

H.E. Päivi Maarit Laine, Ambassador of Finland

H.E. Étienne de Montaigne de Poncins, Ambassador of France

H.E. Miguel Berger, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

H.E. Niki Kamba, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic

H.E. Friðrik Jónsson, Ambassador of Iceland

H.E. Patrick Gerard Haughey, Ambassador of Ireland

H.E. Luca Franchetti Pardo, Ambassador of the Italian Republic

H.E. Peggy Frantzen, Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

H.E. Gavin Gulia, Ambassador of the Republic of Malta

H.E. Veljko Milonjić, Ambassador of Montenegro

H.E. Jennes de Mol, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

H.E. Øystein Bø, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway

H.E. Mário Rui Dos Santos Miranda Duarte, Ambassador of Portugal

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H.E. Dame Melinda Simmons, Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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