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Political prosecution in Poland from 2015 to 2023 must be audited and victims rehabilitated

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This written declaration does not reflect the position of the Assembly; only of those members that have signed it. It will not be considered further by the Assembly.

We, the undersigned, declare the following:

In [Resolution 2316 \(2020\)](#) and [Resolution 2359 \(2021\)](#), the Parliamentary Assembly expressed concern regarding the politicisation of the State prosecution service in Poland. In previous written declarations ([Doc. 15458](#), [Doc. 15574](#) and [Doc. 15753](#)), members alerted on specific cases of repression.

Following an appeal by 80 non-governmental organisations and public figures, initiated by the Open Dialogue Foundation, the Prosecutor General vowed to audit politically motivated criminal cases between 2015 and 2023. In August 2024, a dedicated team of prosecutors was put in place.

We welcome that the new government has started investigating such cases, and that some of the victims, such as Paweł Wojtunik or Jakub Karnowski, have already been partially rehabilitated. Yet, other politically motivated cases, including those of Przemysław Krych, Piotr Osiecki, Maciej Bodnar, Michał Lubiński, Rafał Markiewicz, Bartosz Kramek, Tomasz Misiak, Wojciech Łączewski and Marcin Fall, await similar re-evaluation.

We are also concerned with reports that political appointees of former minister Zbigniew Ziobro, responsible for the abuse, are still working in the State prosecution's Organised Crime Department and its branches, auditing their own cases.

For this reason, we urge the Polish Government to conduct a full and transparent audit of all cases flagged by members, civil society and media, dismiss prosecutors who abused power and hold them accountable while rehabilitating their victims.

Signed (see overleaf)



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