

Resolution of 14 June 2018

Out of concern for the common good, which is a justice administration system that is independent of political power, well-functioning, based on democratic foundations and values that are universally accepted in the EU

The Assembly of Representatives of the Regional Court Judges of the Regional Court in Warsaw resolves as follows:

1. To join the appeals of the associations of judges, law firms and NGOs to stop the mass removal of judges of the Supreme Court through the reduction in the retirement age, leading to a catastrophic collapse in the judicial practice of the Supreme Court and undermining the authority of the Republic of Poland on the European arena as a democratic state of law; similarly, the Assembly is joining the requests calling on the European Commission to refer the Act on the Supreme Court to the Court of Justice of the European Union;
2. To call on all judges in Poland not to succumb to the pressure and attempts to intimidate and exert pressure, while calling on the self-government of judges to take an unequivocal, determined stance opposing all actions intended to subordinate the courts to the political power;
3. To express its solidarity with the judges who are subjected to criticism and pressure in connection with the activities of the judiciary, identifying themselves in this matter with the resolutions passed by the self-governments of judges throughout Poland; declaring their support in any legally permissible and possible form;
4. To adamantly oppose the appointment of judges to the disciplinary courts at the courts of appeal without their knowledge and consent;
5. To declare solidarity with the Kraków judges who, for the sake of the justice administration, are demanding that the President of the Regional Court in Kraków, Dagmara Pawelczyk-Woicka, steps down from her office for the reasons set out in the resolution of the Meeting of Judges of the Regional Court in Kraków of 24 May 2018;
6. To adamantly oppose the planned changes to the regulations on practicing in the ordinary courts which are, *de facto*, intended to separate the functional judges from their judicial activities, grossly reducing their duties and creating further unnecessary positions, which will also adversely affect the judicial activities of the courts;
7. To categorically demand that the state authorities adjust the level of salaries of the administrative employees of Warsaw's court of appeal to the realities and opportunities offered by the Warsaw labour market; the critical level of salaries is leading to a drastic reduction in the number of employees, which is translating into a lack of efficiency of judicial activities of the courts to the obvious detriment of the citizens; the salaries, which are detached from the market realities, are causing an outflow of perfectly well prepared, experienced official staff to other professions.

The Assembly of Representatives of the Regional Court Judges of the Regional Court in Warsaw

obligates the President of the Regional Court in Warsaw to, **no later than 21 June 2018**:

- post this resolution on the Court’s website, because making the public aware of the position of the self-government of judges of the Regional Court in Warsaw is in the public interest and serves the needs of citizens who, in accordance with Article 45 of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland have the right to an impartial and independent court;
- present the resolution to the following bodies: **the President of the Republic of Poland, the Speakers of the Sejm and Senate, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, the First President of the Supreme Court, the Polish Ombudsman, the President of the Supreme Administrative Court, the Chairperson of the National Council of the Judiciary, the Presidents of the Courts of Appeal and the Regional Courts, the Chairperson of the National Council of Prosecutors, the President of the Supreme Bar Council, the President of the National Council of Legal Advisors, the President of the National Council of Notaries Public.**