

RESOLUTION
OF THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

of the 8th October 2021

on the position of Poland in the European Union

The Senate of the Republic of Poland considers the ruling of the Constitutional Court of the 7th October 2021 to be non-compliant with the fundamental principles of the Polish Constitution and contrary to the requirements of the Polish *raison d'état*. The Senate expresses its concern that this ruling, issued by the Court controlled by the ruling party, constitutes a legal prelude to Poland's exit from the European Union.

The Senate is convinced that the Constitution of the Republic of Poland and European Union law are not contradictory. On the contrary, they complement each other and share the same values of freedom, individual dignity, social solidarity and the rule of law. As long as the Republic of Poland, by the will of the people expressed in a referendum, is a member of the European Union, European law shall be respected in our country. Any failure to recognise the rulings of the Court of Justice of the EU is tantamount to opening the way for Poland to leave the Union. The Senate considers such a step, announced by some representatives of the ruling camp, to be unequivocally contrary to the Polish *raison d'état*.

The current crisis in the relations with the European Union is caused solely by the attempts of politicians from the ruling parties, especially the leadership of the Ministry of Justice, to subordinate independent courts and judges, including the Supreme Court, to themselves. Attempts to have courts controlled by political power are contrary to both the Constitution of the Republic of Poland and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Such a policy has already shaken Poles' sense of economic and social security and delayed the transfer of billions from the EU Recovery Fund to Poland. As a result, it may lead to a complete suspension of payments of huge funds from the EU budget, including subsidies to farmers and funds for local governments.

The Senate emphasises that the membership of the European Union increases Poland's prosperity and security, and that it is in the interests of the citizens of the Republic of Poland to enjoy the rights and freedoms granted by the European Treaties. We must defend these

rights together. The Polish Senate declares that it will be the guardian of the national interest, i.e. Poland's continued presence in the European Union.

The resolution shall be published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Poland "Monitor Polski".

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