

## CCBE Statement on upholding the independence and self-regulation of the legal profession in Poland

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During a gathering of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) in Warsaw, Poland, on the occasion of its Standing Committee, the CCBE reaffirms its strong dedication and support to the Polish Bar Council and the National Bar of Attorneys-at-law in their efforts to uphold the independence and self-regulation of the legal profession and to protect the Rule of Law.

The CCBE is concerned by proposals being discussed in the lead-up to the upcoming elections in Poland, which have the potential to significantly undermine these fundamental principles. The CCBE urges all State authorities to uphold democratic values, including the independence and self-regulation of the legal profession which are essential to ensure the protection of the rights and interests of all citizens.

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