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**NATIONAL ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION**

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Association of European Election Officials  
ACEEEO

The National Electoral Commission of the Republic of Poland received the information that the General Assembly of the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO) had not taken a decision to expel the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation and the Central Commission of the Republic of Belarus on Elections and Holding Republican Referenda from among ACEEEO members with extreme disappointment and indignation. The position of the majority of ACEEEO members contradicts the Association's mission, which is to support good governance and democracy. The time of barbaric aggression against Ukraine requires a firm attitude towards the states participating in and supporting the attack. Election bodies, performing tasks closely related to the foundations of democracy and human rights, must not remain indifferent to the brutal violation of the fundamental norms of the civilized world.

The National Electoral Commission of the Republic of Poland stated in a statement addressed to members of the Association of European Election Officials on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2022, that it would not participate in the activities of organizations that would tolerate, among their members, the bodies of states engaged in activities that are in extreme denial of democratic values and human rights. We recognize that only the exclusion of such members from the Association would be the appropriate decision and thus we will not participate in the vote on the suspension of their membership.

The National Electoral Commission states once more, that there is no place for us in an organization whose majority of members have refrained from unequivocally condemning countries committed to breaking the fundamental principles of the democratic world. Therefore, we decided to leave the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO) as of today (7<sup>th</sup> of March 2022).



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