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SUBJECT

Petition to the Sejm published on 25 May 2020

Dear journalists,

Thank you for your open letter to the European Broadcasting Union and for sharing the petition to the Sejm published on 25 May 2020.

The EBU closely monitors the independence of Public Service Media across Europe. As you indicate in your letter, we have publicly expressed concern over the risk of politicisation undermining the core values of public service media and we welcome other strong voices in support of independence and media freedom. I have also spoken publicly of the need for strong, independent journalism and public service media in countries including Poland in media interviews and at international events and conferences.

The EBU supports independent public service media organisations across Europe and calls on governments to facilitate and then respect that independence.

We are engaging in a dialogue with Polish Radio on recent events at Radio 3. We also note that Radio 3's new management includes representatives of the Society of Journalists and Authors of Public Radio and will be closely following developments. We believe that we should discuss challenges in an open and constructive dialogue where all parties should be able to present their arguments in order to find sustainable solutions and ensure professional, credible and independent public service media in the interest of citizens.

We trust that the EBU community values of universality, independence, diversity, accountability, innovation and excellence will guide and inspire this dialogue on the mission of public service media in Poland.

Yours sincerely,



Noel Curran
Director General