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SEJM
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs

Mr Radosław Sikorski
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Dear Mr Minister

The system which, alongside Nazism, posed the greatest threat to the system of values in the 20th century upon which the democratic world was based, fell apart in 1989.

The Polish parliament, which represents the nation, has a special reason to support international initiatives which aim to build a world of freedom, prosperity and peace. In our society the memory of the years when we were deprived of that freedom lives on.

The originators of the initiative to create the Community of Democracies and to call the first Ministerial Conference, Bronisław Geremek and Madeleine Albright, realized that democracy was not given once and for all and that it needed our constant attention and effort. Considering that the Community of Democracies plays an important role in the process of promoting democracy in the world, supports the efforts of democratic activists, affirms their achievements and trains young diplomats, the Community provides a universal platform for agreement between the government sector and nongovernmental organizations. It helps disseminate knowledge of different democratization experiences.

By way of this letter of support, members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland would like to draw attention to the historic services rendered by the Community of Democracies, and to show their appreciation and recognition of the Government of the Republic of Poland, and particularly Minister Radosław Sikorski, for the establishment of the Community of Democracies Permanent Secretariat in Warsaw and for the organization of as prestigious an event as the anniversary conference of the Community of Democracies to be held in Cracow.

On behalf of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland,

Yours sincerely

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