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STATEMENT OF THE JUDGES' COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND ON JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN POLAND

The European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (the 'ENCJ') issued a statement on 4 July 2018, expressing grave concern about developments which are taking place in Poland in relation to the judiciary in that country. The press release can be found at <https://www.encj.eu/>. The statement highlights the forced early retirement of 27 judges of the Supreme Court in a further attempt to bring the judiciary under the control of the government.

The Judges' Council of Northern Ireland, a non-political body which represents independent judges in Northern Ireland, expresses its shared grave concerns about the reported situation in Poland and any impact on judicial independence.

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