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No Ombudsman for Children can remain silent when a child in the womb is killed. No Ombudsman for Children can remain silent when a sick child is killed. No Ombudsman for Children can remain silent when sex education in schools, against the wishes of parents, contains information that contradicts science and even elementary laws of nature.

As Ombudsman for Children in Poland, I vowed to protect the rights of all children, in accordance with Polish law and international conventions. I consider each of these rights as indisputable and I believe that the most important of them is the right of every child to live, which was already confirmed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child adopted by the UN General Assembly on November 20, 1959. Therefore, I do not remain silent when these fundamental rights of the child are threatened.

As the Polish Ombudsman for Children, I uphold the observance of Polish law, which I do every day of my mission, but as a member of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC), I have a duty to uphold the principles and values on which our organization is based. And the core principles and values are the promotion and protection of children's rights as defined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

From the beginning of ENOC's founding, I trusted that this organization was guided by the objective principles and values described in the statute. That it protects the rights of the child, in particular the most important right – to live. When I took office, I repeatedly pointed out in meetings with ENOC members that these rights were increasingly being violated in Europe. I have asked, appealed and even called for firm responses opposing the legalization of euthanasia of children, as is already happening in Belgium and the Netherlands; for intervention in cases of court orders to disconnect children from life support equipment – even against the will of parents or offers of further treatment made by other countries, as is happening in the UK; for opposing the liberalization and promotion of abortion on demand, as is taking place in many European countries; and for stopping the pseudo sex education, which is pouring into European schools in an ever-increasing stream against the wishes of parents, teaching young children that, for instance, there are a hundred sexes, that there is some indefinite gender, or that one's gender can be freely chosen and changed by everyone depending on how they feel.



I was convinced that the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children is an association of Ombudsman for Children – the true guardians of those objective and natural rights that protect young people from evil.

Unfortunately, my appeals have not been heard. On the contrary, I myself have become the target of attacks by the ENOC leadership, which, instead of facts, uses only manipulated and untrue media information in vilifying the Polish Ombudsman for Children's Rights, and takes actions bearing the hallmarks of pressure, violation of independence or even blackmail in an attempt to force the Polish Ombudsman to behave in a certain way. I declare that there will never be my approval for remaining silent about violations of children's rights in ENOC member states, nor will I stop defending these rights in Poland. Silence in the face of evil is acquiescence to evil. The Polish Ombudsman for Children will not remain silent.

Therefore, in view of the lack of response from the leadership Bureau of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children to the violations of children's rights in the above-mentioned Western European countries, as well as the continuation of groundless attacks and attempts to undermine the independence of the Polish Ombudsman for Children, I submit my official resignation from the membership of the Polish Ombudsman for Children in the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children with immediate effect.

At the same time, I extend a warm greeting to those fellow Ombudsman who understand and apply the immutable principles and laws that protect children. I wish you strength and tenacity.

Enclosed I send one of my columns appearing in a popular press outlet (<https://m.niedziela.pl/artykul/167839/nd/Granice-to-bezpieczenstwo>). Perhaps reading it will bring at least partial awakening and the ability to comprehend the rights of all children in a healthy way.

In addition, I call on ENOC to promptly refund the due pro rata portion of the 2023 membership fee to the account. Please make your payments directly to the following Bank Account: **41 1010 1010 0028 6022 3000 0000**

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Yours sincerely