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Yesterday, our Polish member “Justitia” informed me that our colleague Judge Pawel Juszczyzyn was suspended indefinitely of judicial duties and his salary was cut by 40%.

The sanction was applied in the context of Judge Juszczyzyn’s decision to implement the criteria indicated in the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) of 19 November 2019 in the joint A.K. cases. (C-585/18), CP (C-624/18) and DO (C-625/18) addressing the legality of the Polish Council of the Judiciary, suspended, already since 2018, from the European Network of the Councils for the Judiciary of the European Union.

It must be firmly pointed out that judges must not be personally punished for any judicial decisions when applying international or domestic law, in particular with a severe restriction of salaries, essential for their daily subsistence.

As alerted in several occasions the European Association of Judges is gravely concerned with the collapse of Judicial Independence in Poland.

Therefore we urge once again the Polish authorities to re-establish the principles of Rule of Law putting an immediate end to the punishment of judges motivated by their judicial rulings.

Finally we strongly appeal the European Commission to immediately take all possible measures to protect the application of European Union law and the implementation of CJEU rulings in Poland.

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