



**MARSHAL OF THE SENATE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**

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The Honorable  
Kamala Harris  
Vice President of the United States of America  
President of the United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Madam President:

I have the honor to congratulate you on your appointment as Vice President of the United States of America and as President of the United States Senate. I wish you success in the demanding national mission entrusted to you by the American people.

I followed closely the election campaign that you conducted together with President Joseph R. Biden Jr. I share your perspective on issues that are global in scope, and I know that this kind of challenge also requires parliaments to be active. I wish you that your involvement in the work of the US Senate will be of great benefit to the United States of America and the entire international community. I also wish you that the cooperation between the White House and Congress will go as well as possible.

Furthermore, I declare the readiness of the Senate of the Republic of Poland to engage in dialog with the United States Senate, to seek together the best solutions, and to build a broad international consensus on issues that transcend national and continental boundaries. I believe that international cooperation of legislative bodies, complementary to governmental initiatives, may increase the effectiveness of actions taken in such areas as combating climate change, respect for human rights, opposing radicalism or combating poverty.

Cooperation between our two Senates was particularly important when democracy was restored in Poland in 1989. In the years that followed, Poland and the United States worked side by side to promote democratic values around the world.

By taking the initiative in 2000 to establish the Community of Democracies, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Minister of Foreign Affairs Bronisław Geremek made it clear that the promotion and protection of democratic values required united efforts and mutual support.

As you are probably aware, in its present 10th term, the Senate of the Republic of Poland is working tirelessly to ensure that, in terms of democracy and the rule of law, Poland can once again be held up as an example internationally. I would like to express my readiness to cooperate with the United States Senate, in particular with regard to the need to renew the great idea of the Community of Democracies in Polish-American relations. I believe that our partnership can be of fundamental importance for the future of democracy in Poland. I will respond with interest to any initiative from the United States in this regard.

I enclose for your information the resolution of the Senate of the Republic of Poland of 13 January 2021 on the strengthening of cooperation with the United States.

Congratulating you once again on your appointment as Vice President and President of the Senate, I wish you success in the performance of your duties. Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Most respectfully  
Tomasz Ciwielinski.