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STATEMENT
on the escalating repressions of Polish journalists in Belarus

On March 25th, a Polish journalist and board member of the Union of Poles in Belarus (ZPB), Andrzej Poczobut was arrested as well as Belarusian journalist Pawel Mazejka has informed the public about Andrzej Poczobut's arrest. A search of the ZPB headquarters in Grodno also took place.

On May 5th Polish journalist Andrej Frolow was arrested for 72 hours. He was on a journalistic assignment for TV Polonia, travelling to attend a Holy Mass held in the name of Polish activists imprisoned by the regime in Belarus.

Such behaviour by the Belarusian authorities bears the hallmarks of persecution. It is contradictory with the international obligations of Belarus regarding the protection of national minorities and respect for independent media.

On behalf of the World Association of Polish Media Abroad, we express our deep concern and strong objection to the persecutions of Polish journalists and the Polish minority in Belarus. We appeal to the Belarusian authorities to release the arrested activists immediately and cease the political repression.

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