



Statement of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews
on the antisemitic attack in the Polish Sejm
12 December 2023

The shocking extinguishing of Hanukkah candles took place today on the premises of the Sejm of the Republic. As the Polish Council of Christians and Jews, we strongly condemn this act of antisemitic aggression. It violates the mutual respect between our Christian and Jewish traditions, and is a sinful act of hatred based on a deeply false perception of the faith and culture of the Jewish people. We reject it as incompatible with the dialogue that has been built between our Jewish and Christian traditions in response to the tragedy of the Shoah.

An act of aggression against the celebration of a Jewish festival can never be considered a defence of Christianity and its values. Finally, such an act betrays the very foundation of coexistence between people of different faiths in our country and violates the guarantee of religious freedom as a fundamental human right.

We Christian members of the Council are deeply ashamed that the Hanukkah celebration of our Jewish sisters and brothers was so reprehensibly disrupted this year. At the same time, we extend our solidarity and support to them.

As a Council, we also appreciate the widespread condemnation of this act of aggression in public debate.

