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Dear Mr Saunders

As Commissioner for Civil Rights Protection, a constitutional organ of the Republic of Poland whose systemic duty is to defend the rights and liberties of Polish citizens, I am turning to you in the matter of the tragic death at Vancouver Airport on 14 October 2007 of Mr Robert Dziekański in the hope of obtaining cooperation and assistance in this matter.

From the time of the above-mentioned event, I have been trying to monitor actively the activities of both the Polish and the Canadian authorities in their attempts to explain the circumstances surrounding the use against Mr Dziekański of an electroshock weapon, as a result of which he lost his life. Unfortunately, to this day, apart from the publication of the so-called Braidwood Report concerning the use of electroshock weapons, we have not learned the real causes of the death of the Polish citizen, Mr Dziekański, and the Canadian authorities have not prosecuted the police officers directly participating in this event.

What is more, it transpires, according to press reports in recent weeks, that, during the investigation conducted in Canada, the contents were disregarded of the important electronic correspondence between police officers from which it can be read that the use of the electroshock weapon against Mr Dziekański was deliberate, intentional and planned in advance.

In connection with the above, I am turning to you with an urgent plea for information about which phase of the proceedings is currently going on in the matter of explaining the causes of the tragic death of Mr Dziekański and of the holding responsible of the persons directly responsible for this event. I would also be grateful if you could explain whether there is a chance that the Canadian authorities will clarify this matter in a reasonable time-frame. I would like to emphasise that an appropriate closure of this matter is of uncommon significance, not only for the family of the deceased, Robert Dziekański, but also for the whole

of Polish society, which is following the events connected with these proceedings with great interest.

Yours sincerely,
Jimmie Buchanan