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Dear Mrs President

As a former chairperson of the European Peoples Party group within the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, I was deeply involved in the preparation of the PACE Resolution 1763 (2010) on „the right to conscientious objection in lawful medical care” which was adopted on 7th October 2010. The resolution starts with the proclamation, that „no person, hospital or institution shall be coerced, held liable or discriminated against in any manner because of a refusal to perform, accommodate, assist or submit to an abortion”.

I am deeply shocked to hear, Mrs President, that you are going to dismiss prof. Bogdan Chazan from his position of the Director of the Holy Family Hospital, because of his refusal to perform an eugenic abortion in his hospital. I am even more surprised, that you have announced your decision prior to the final report from the control you had ordered in the hospital.

Dear Mrs President, I am deeply convinced, that Christian Democrats should avoid situation in which they might be presented as those who punish medical doctors for decisions taken in conformity with their right conscience. I am afraid, you might become a symbol of fight against conscience and it would be very unfortunate.

Dear Mrs president, I call to your conscience: please defend people of conscience in Warsaw, please defend professor Chazan.

Kind regards,

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