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SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND FAMILY, SENIOR AND SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE

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Mr Troels Ravn Chair of the Domestic, Social Affairs and Children's Committee FOLKETING

Dear Colleague,

I would like to inform you that the representatives of the Family, Senior and Social Policy Committee of the Polish Senate are going to take in September 2018 a study trip to the Kingdom of Denmark so as to become familiar with the legal and practical aspects of the functioning of the Danish child support maintenance system.

In 2017, the Committee started working on developing the objectives of a new maintenance system in Poland. They are aimed at, *inter alia*, a significant improvement in the collection of maintenance. These objectives to a significant extent refer to the solutions applicable in Denmark. The Polish system is based on claiming child maintenance in court and unfortunately is an inefficient system. In turn, the Danish system is based on administrative settlements and an important role in it is played by local governments. Denmark is among the countries which are most efficient in the collection of maintenance.

Appreciating the effectiveness of the Danish solutions, three senators – members of our Committee are going to take a study trip to Denmark in the second half of September 2018. I will be extremely grateful for making it possible for the senators to meet with the representatives of the Committee you chair. I will be honoured if during the stay of the Polish senators you will find time to meet them so as to discuss the above-mentioned issues taken during the work of Folketing. During their visit, the senators are going to talk with the representatives of the Ministry of Children and Social Affairs and of the Ministry of Justice, as well as meet the local government representatives in the selected municipalities in order to become familiar with the practical aspects of the system.

Hoping for your understanding, Dear Chair, I would like to inform you that the organisation of the senators' visit to Denmark is supported by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of Denmark and the costs of the trip and stay of the Polish parliamentarians are covered by Chancellery of the Senate.

Sincerely yours,

Chair of the Family, Senior and Social Policy Committee Jarosław Duda