

**REGULATION
OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL**

of 24 April, 2003,

**concerning procedures related to the presentation of standpoints with regard to
crucial public issues by political parties, trade unions and of employers’
organizations in public radio and television.**

Under Article 23 item 3 of the Broadcasting Act of 29 December 1992 (Official Journal "Dziennik Ustaw" of 2001, No. 101, item 1114; amended by "Dziennik Ustaw" of 2002, No. 25, item 253, and of 2002, No. 56 , item 517), the following is hereby ordered:

§ 1. 1. Public broadcasting organisations shall have the duty to present standpoints with regard to crucial public issues represented by political parties, trade unions and employers’ organizations.

2. Presentation of standpoints referred to in item 1 shall in particular involve presentation in the public radio and television programme services of discussions, analyses, statements and addresses, events related to activity of political parties, trade unions and employers’ organizations as well as other customary methods of expression by representatives and governing bodies of political parties, trade unions and employers’ organizations.

3. Public broadcasting organisations shall present the standpoints referred to in items 1 and 2 in a reliable and pluralistic manner which enables presentation of diversified approaches.

§ 2. 1. Public broadcasting organisations shall produce and transmit programme services informing of up-to-date public events and standpoints with regard to crucial public issues represented by political parties, trade unions and employers’ organizations

2. The duty, referred to in item 1, shall also involve the possibility of gathering information concerning the standpoints of political parties, trade unions and employers’ organizations in a manner compatible with provisions of the law.

§ 3. 1. Public broadcasting organisations shall provide current information on the work of the Lower House of the Parliament (the Sejm) and the Senate in the form decided upon in agreement with the presiding authorities of both these chambers.

2. Public broadcasting organisations shall transmit at least one television programme per week and one radio programme per week which shall present the standpoints with regard to crucial public issues represented by political parties, trade unions and employers’ organizations, lasting for at least 45 minutes, between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m.

§ 4. Standpoints of political parties, trade unions and employers’ organizations referred to in § 1 and § 2 may be presented in the public radio and television programme services if these political parties, trade unions and employers’ organizations are registered by virtue of a legislative act on the territory of the Republic of Poland.

§ 5. 1. Public broadcasting organisations shall transmit electoral broadcasts as part of elections of public authorities within the territory of the Republic of Poland.

2. Detailed principles of transmitting electoral broadcasts as part of elections of public authorities shall be laid down in separate provisions.

§ 6. The Regulation shall take effect upon its promulgation.