POLISH OECD NATIONAL CONTACT POINT FOR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT

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on the notification of alleged breach of
the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct
and acceptance of the case for further proceedings

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The OECD National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct (OECD NCP) informs that on **December 5**th, **2023** the Polish OECD NCP received a notification of an alleged breach of the *OECD* **Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct** (OECD Guidelines) by a Polish enterprise.

The notification was submitted by the Polish branch of an international non-governmental organization, through a law firm. The OECD NCP, after analyzing the notification and detailed information obtained during separate meetings with the parties to the proceedings, decided on **July 25**, **2024**, in the presence of the parties to the proceedings, **to accept the case for further consideration**. The acceptance of the case by the OECD NCP for further consideration does not mean that the OECD NCP confirmed that that the OECD Guidelines were breached by the Enterprise.

In order to facilitate dialogue between the parties at the next stage of the procedure before the OECD NCP, the OECD NCP, in consultation with the parties to the proceedings, decided <u>not to make</u> <u>the Initial Assessment in this case public</u>.

At the same time, the OECD NCP offered its good offices to the parties in order to seeking a solution of the specific instance that will be satisfactory to both parties of the procedure, while ensuring compliance with the OECD Guidelines. The offer of good offices was accepted by both the Enterprise and the Notifier.

On <u>September, 10 2024</u>, the OECD NCP sent the parties to the proceedings a draft of the <u>Initial</u> Assessment, which was agreed with the parties to the proceedings on 4 October 2024.

After publishing this Information Note on the OECD NCP website, the OECD NCP will then invite the parties to the proceedings to a meeting to provide its good offices. The proceedings before the OECD NCP is confidential, which means that details of the talks and the courses of action under consideration are not public.

The proceedings before the OECD NCP will end with the formulation of a **Final Statement**, describing the stages of the proceedings before the OECD NCP and containing information on whether the parties have reached an agreement or not. The Final Statement in this case will be published in Polish and English on the OECD NCP website and will also be forwarded to the OECD Secretariat, which will publish it in the database of specific instances considered by the OECD NCP operating in 52 countries.