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International Federation of Social Workers  
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Dear Colleagues – Social Workers:

We are an umbrella organisation for Polish unions of social workers and other social service employees. The Polish Federation of Social Workers and Social Service Employees Unions (Polish: *Polska Federacja Związkowa Pracowników Socjalnych i Pomocy Społecznej*) would like to join the IFSW as a member.

Poland has not been represented in the IFSW for more than ten years now. The Polish Federation of Social Workers and Social Service Employees Unions was created in response to the lack of a professional organisation that would represent social workers in Poland.

We are the only organisation in Poland that has professionalism in social work as its objective. In addition, similarly to other trade unions, our concern has been good working conditions, as well as the status and prestige of social workers.

We would like to participate in international projects and activities relating to the pursuit of common values in social work. We find the IFSW, as the largest organisation for social workers worldwide, to be a great example of integrating social workers.

We believe that the time has come for Polish social workers to join the international efforts aimed at promoting social work, human dignity and human rights, social justice and best practices in social work.

We look forward to your decision admitting our Federation as a member of the IFSW and we hope to be able to enrich the IFSW with experiences and activities of Polish social workers.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us or Andrzej Gocłowski (angoc@wp.pl).

Respectfully yours

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