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ABOUT THE POLISH OMBUDSMAN

The Ombudsman, officially named Commissioner for Human Rights (CHR), is the constitutional authority for legal control and protection and the national institution for human rights. The key function of the CHR is to safeguard human civic freedoms and rights in Poland, and to ensure that the public authorities respect democratic and human rights standards. The CHR has offices in Polish four cities, and in 2017 the office received a total of 52836 complaints, 25711 were handled. The Ombudsman's activities are independent from the state authorities, and acts pursuant to Poland's Constitution and the Commissioner for Human Rights Act of 15 July 1988. The CHR is elected by Sejm every 5th year, and the candidate has to be accepted by the Senate. Adam Bodnar is Poland's 7th Ombudsman, and took office September 9th 2015, after Irena Lipowicz. Ewa Letowska was the first Polish Ombudsman. *Webpage: www.Rpo.gov.pl/en*

CV – ADAM BODNAR (41)

Adam Bodnar (DOB 6/1 1977) from Poland holds a PhD degree in law from the University of Warsaw.

- 2004-2015 : worked for the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland), lastly as its vice president.
- 2014-2015 : board member of trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.
- 2008 - present : Associate Professor at the Law Faculty, Warsaw University
- 2011: awarded the Tolerance Prize by Lambda Warsaw Association.
- 2015 – present: Commissioner for Human Rights.

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ABOUT THE RAFTO FOUNDATION

The Rafto Foundation for Human Rights is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the global promotion of human rights. Our main activity is to award the annual Rafto Prize to persons or organisations working to promote human rights. We also support the work of the laureates and offer human rights and democracy education. The foundation was established in 1987 in memory of Thorolf Rafto (1922-1986), and has since then awarded 32 prizes to human rights defenders worldwide. Last year, Parveena Ahangar and Parvez Imroz received the prize for their work to promote human rights in Kashmir.

Web: rafto.no

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RAFTO PRIZE EVENTS IN NOVEMBER:

The Rafto Conference

Venue: The University Aula, Bergen

Time 3rd November, 2018

The Rafto Prize Award Ceremony

Venue: Den Nationale Scene, Bergen, Norway

Time: 4th November, 2018.

