



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
High Commissioner on National Minorities**

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**Mr. Adam Chajewski
Vice Chairman of the Presidium of the
Supreme Council, Federation of
Borderland Organizations
Warsaw**

**Mr. Aleksander Szycht
Chairman of the Memoriae Fidelis Society
Warsaw**

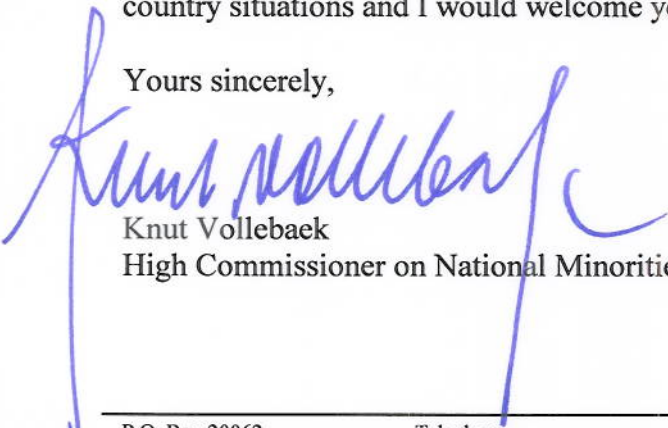
Dear Mr. Chajewski and Mr. Szycht,

Thank you for your letter of 1 February 2011 in which you shared with me your views regarding the situation of the Polish minority in Lithuania.

While Lithuania is not a country in which my office has been closely engaged, I can assure you that I am following the current situation. Last month two of my advisers made an assessment visit to Vilnius to speak with a variety of interlocutors, including representatives of the Polish minority, about the latest developments. Among the issues they discussed on their visit were proposed education reforms, the legal framework regarding the use of minority languages and land restitution. I will continue to maintain a dialogue with the Lithuanian authorities on issues related to the country's national minorities.

Information from civil society organizations is always useful in my ongoing monitoring of country situations and I would welcome your future input on these issues.

Yours sincerely,



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