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An independent judiciary maintaining the rule of law is fundamental to the preservation of peace. Ordinary citizens can safely and reliably go about their daily life, enter into contracts, develop meaningful relationships and live freely without fear when they have an independent judiciary guaranteeing the application of the rule of law without fear or favour.

The International Association of Judges, therefore, fully supports the nomination of IUSTITIA for the Nobel Peace Prize. IUSTITIA has fearlessly upheld the values in Poland which are necessary for the judiciary in that country to apply the rule of law without fear or favour.

Jette Christensen, Member of Parliament in Norway, explained her reason for the nomination as the importance of the rule of law for preservation of common peace. The nomination has been endorsed by the German Judges Association, the Presidency Committee of the IAJ, and at the recent assembly of the European Association of Judges.

The rule of law is important to the preservation of peace. Its guarantee of peace is by independent judges applying the rule of law without fear or favour. IUSTITIA has been a strong and vocal voice in Poland to remind us all of the importance of independent judges in applying the rule of law for the good of all. We endorse without reservation the nomination.

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