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Statement of solidarity with the Polish Ethnological Society

As members of the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA), a network of over fifty national, regional and international anthropological associations from all continents, we write to express our solidarity with the Polish Ethnological Society as it takes a firm stand against the rise of racism and xenophobia in contemporary Poland. We support the 'Anti-Discrimination Manifesto of Polish Anthropologists and Ethnologists' that has been issued by our fellow anthropologists in Poland and by the Polish Ethnological Society, a WCAA member association. We agree with our Polish colleagues that anthropologists have both the expertise and the responsibility to address the social and cultural issues arising from the influx of refugees from the war-torn areas of the world into Europe. The special convention against discrimination that will take place on November 23, 2016 in the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, is an important step in the right direction. By initiating a national debate on the subject of discrimination in Polish public life, these colleagues are volunteering their knowledge, experience and goodwill to heal social divisions. We laud their courage and wish them success in this endeavour.

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