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His Excellency the Honourable Mark Rutte  
Prime Minister of The Netherlands  
Binnenhof 19  
The Hague, The Netherlands

Dear Prime Minister,

The Union of Polish Communities in Europe, an association of 44 organizations representing the Polish diaspora in 31 European countries including The Netherlands, vigorously condemns the website '*Meldpunt Midden- en Oost-Europeanen*' launched by the Dutch Party PVV. This website targets a selected group of people living and working in The Netherlands and discriminates against people from Central and Eastern Europe. It is not helpful in solving problems but does create new ones.

We Polish migrants in Europe are amazed that such an initiative could happen in the 21<sup>st</sup> century within the EU. In the recent past we only had to intervene to defend the rights of Poles in Belarus as the regime there is breaching fundamental human rights.

The Union of Polish Communities in Europe urges you, as the Prime Minister of everyone in The Netherlands, to openly express the position of your government on this issue. In addition, we call on you to promote the effective inclusion of migrants in Dutch society.

Kind regards,

Roman Śmigielski  
Secretary General of The Union of Polish Communities in Europe

CC. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland Radosław Sikorski, Warsaw