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**REGULATION
OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL**

of 24 January 1996

CONCERNING PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM

CAMPAIGN IN PUBLIC RADIO AND TELEVISION

(Official Gazette “Dz.U.” of 30 January 1996)

Under the article 40 item 4 of the Act of 29 June 1995 on National Referendum (official gazette “Dziennik Ustaw” of 1995, No 99, item 487), the following is hereby ordered:

§ 1. The authority responsible for the organization of the referendum, the National Electoral Committee, political parties and other entities participating in the referendum campaign carried out by the public radio and television shall participate in the said campaign pursuant to conditions laid down herein.

§ 2. The transmission of broadcasts concerning referendum shall commence on the day of promulgation of the legal Act on referendum and shall stop 24 hours before the voting day.

§ 3. 1. During the referendum campaign, Telewizja Polska S.A. and Polskie Radio S.A. shall prepare and transmit broadcasts in the national programme services during transmission time from 6.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.; the said broadcasts lasting at least 60 minutes in Telewizja Polska S.A. and at least 90 minutes in Polskie Radio S.A.. These broadcasts shall aim at enabling the referendum authorities to present the contents of referendum questions, the possible options and the issues which are being decided upon in the referendum.

2. The arrangements concerning the transmission of the broadcasts, referred to in item 1, shall be immediately notified to the referendum authorities, the National Electoral Committee, the Broadcasting Council and shall be announced in the information programmes of Telewizja Polska S.A. and Polskie Radio S.A..

3. Within the limits set forth by the law, the referendum authority shall freely determine the contents of the referendum broadcasts and shall bear the responsibility for the said broadcasts.

§ 4. 1. Telewizja Polska S.A. and Polskie Radio S.A. shall be responsible to prepare and transmit the referendum broadcasts which contain the explanations and clarifications of the National Electoral Committee.

2. Following consultation with the National Electoral Committee, not later than 25 days before the date of the referendum, the Management Boards of Telewizja Polska S.A. and Polskie Radio S.A. shall determine the following:

- 1) the total transmission time designated for transmitting the referendum broadcasts in the national programme services and the transmission time allotted to individual channels;
- 2) date and hours of individual broadcasts.

3. The arrangements, referred to in item 2, shall be immediately notified to the National Electoral Committee, the Broadcasting Council, as well as the referendum authorities, and shall be announced in the information programmes of Telewizja Polska S.A. and Polskie Radio S.A..

4. Within the limits set forth by law, the National Electoral Committee shall freely determine the contents of the referendum broadcasts and shall bear the responsibility for the said broadcasts.

§ 5. The provisions of the Regulation of 13 May 1994 issued by the National Broadcasting Council concerning procedures related to the presentation of standpoints with regard to crucial public issues by political parties and national organizations of trade unions and of employers in public radio and television ("Dziennik Ustaw" No 74, item 335 and of 1996, No 10, item 59) shall apply to presenting the standpoints with regard to referendum broadcast by political parties and other entities, provided that during the time of transmitting the referendum broadcast, Telewizja S.A. and Polskie Radio S.A. shall transmit at least one (1) broadcast, referred to in § 2 of the said Regulation.

§ 6. Telewizja Polska S.A. and Polskie Radio S.A. shall free of charge record and transmit the explanations and clarifications by the referendum authorities and the National Electoral Committee in the referendum broadcasts.

§ 7. In case of two or more referendums being carried out at the same time:

- 1) each referendum authority shall be able to present the contents of referendum questions, the possible options and the issues which are being decided upon in the referendum, within the scope specified in § 3,
- 2) the minimum transmission time limits for referendum broadcasts containing the explanations and clarifications by the National Electoral Committee shall be proportionally increased,
- 3) the number of broadcasts referred in § 5 shall be increased correspondingly, but may not exceed the number of broadcasts during a given referendum campaign.

§ 8. The Regulation shall take effect upon promulgation; the time limit specified in § 4 section 2 shall not apply to referendums set forth 18 February 1996.