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Office of the Taoiseach

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H.E. Mr. Donald Tusk
Prime Minister of Poland
Warsaw

Dear Prime Minister,

I learned with horror of the tragic air accident at Smolensk in which the President of the Republic of Poland, His Excellency Lech Kaczynski, and his wife Maria Kaczyńska lost their lives, together with many other senior personalities in Polish public life. On behalf of the Government of Ireland and on my own behalf I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to you and to all Polish people.

President Kaczynski's untimely death is a great shock. He made a great contribution to Polish public life as President and in many other roles, as well as his contribution as a great Solidarity personality in the 1980s and 1990s.

I would be most grateful if you would convey our deepest sympathy to the families of the late President and his wife.

In Ireland, all our thoughts at this time are with Poland and your people, including the large Polish community in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Cowen, T.D.
Taoiseach