

Statute of 6 January 2005 on national and ethnic minorities and on the regional language

Article 2.

1. A national minority, as defined by this statute, shall be a group of Polish citizens who jointly fulfil the following conditions:

- 1) is numerically smaller than the rest of the population of the Republic of Poland;
- 2) significantly differs from the remaining citizens in its language, culture or tradition;
- 3) strives to preserve its language, culture or tradition;
- 4) is aware of its own historical, national community, and is oriented towards its expression and protection;
- 5) its ancestors have been living on the present territory of the Republic of Poland for at least 100 years;
- 6) identifies itself with a nation organized in its own state.

(...)

3. A ethnic minority, as defined by this statute, shall be a group of Polish citizens who jointly fulfil the following conditions:

- 1) is numerically smaller than the rest of the population of the Republic of Poland;
- 2) significantly differs from the remaining citizens in its language, culture or tradition;
- 3) strives to preserve its language, culture or tradition;
- 4) is aware of its own historical, national community, and is oriented towards its expression and protection;
- 5) its ancestors have been living on the present territory of the Republic of Poland for at least 100 years;
- 6) does not identify itself with a nation organized in its own state.