

ABSTRACT. Stanisław Piotr, *Zasada dwustronności w stosunkach między Rzeczpospolitą Polską a Kościołem Katolickim i innymi związkami wyznaniowymi* [The principle of bilateralism in the relations between the Republic of Poland and the Catholic Church and other religious denominations]. *O wielowymiarowości badań religioznawczych* [On multidimensionality of the research of religion] edited by Z. Drozdowicz - „Człowiek i Społeczeństwo” vol. XXIX, Poznań 2009, pp. 137-148. Adam Mickiewicz University Press. ISBN 978-83-232-1972-9. ISSN 0239-3271.

When the Constitution of the Republic of Poland of 2 April 1997 was adopted, it was assumed that mutual relations between the State and churches and other religious denominations should be shaped according to the principle of bilateralism (Article 25 para. 4 and 5). The shape of the relations between the state and the Catholic Church is to be defined by the provisions of a concordat. The relations between the state and other religious denominations are in turn to be determined by the statutes adopted on the basis of agreements concluded between the Council of Ministers and their appropriate representatives. To this day (September 2008), no such agreement has been concluded, and the relevant constitutional regulation still gives rise to numerous doubts. The most important of these is the question whether all religious denominations, irrespective of their size and stability, should have the right to conclude an agreement with the government.

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