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FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

JOINT STATEMENT

MADE AT THE MEETING OF THE DELEGATION OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SEJM
WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SEIMAS
SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMEN IN VILNIUS, LITHUANIA
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The Chairmen of the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland and the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania:

- Welcoming recent decisions of the European Council on the concrete energy action plan;
 - Strongly rejecting any attempts to misuse energy issues as a tool of political pressure;
1. Call on the authorities of the Russian Federation to eliminate technical or any other kind of impediments to renew oil supply through the "Druzhba" pipeline; confirm that Lithuania and Poland stand ready to provide technical assistance for the repair of the pipeline;
 2. Stress the importance of strategic partnership of all four States: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Poland, in the project of the new Nuclear Power Plant in Lithuania, which could significantly contribute to the energy security of the participating states as well as to the fight with climate change problem; call for intensified efforts towards the Electricity Grid Interconnection between the Baltic States and Poland, which is closely related with the above-mentioned project and will help to integrate "energy island" into the European electricity grid network, thus contributing to the creation of the EU energy market;
 3. Welcome the recent proposal made by the President of the European Commission J. M. Barroso as well as Commissioner A. Piebalgs on the possibility of Commission's financial contribution for implementing the feasibility study on the Natural Gas Interconnection between Lithuania and Poland; call on the Governments of Lithuania and Poland to undertake concrete actions in order to start preparations for the project and initiate the feasibility study;
 4. Encourage the Governments of Lithuania and Poland to take the lead in initiating an independent environmental impact assessment of the North European Gas Pipeline, which would give objective answers to all the questions causing concern; call on the European Commission to address the anxiety brought by the Nord Stream Gas Pipeline;
 5. Invite all Member States and relevant institutions of the European Union to take coordinated decisions and concerted actions to give impetus for the implementation of alternative projects strengthening the energy security of the European Union as a whole, such as of the Nabucco project;
 6. Call on the Member States to keep to the principle of solidarity in energy policy. Unilateral decisions in this complex sector may never bring expected benefits to individual countries by obstructing the shaping of the European Energy Policy.

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