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## **DRAFT RESOLUTION**

### **FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY**

*“Implementation of OSCE Commitments”*

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## **Kyiv Declaration 2007**

### **1. Committee**

#### **Political Affairs and Security**

##### **Energy Security**

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

1. Stressing that access to sustainable, competitive and reliable energy is fundamental to the daily lives of all citizens in the OSCE area and to the stability and security of our societies,
2. Recalling the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension adopted at the Maastricht Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2003,
3. Recalling the OSCE Decision on Energy Security Dialogue in the OSCE adopted at the Brussels Meeting of the Ministerial Council in 2006,
4. Supporting the Gleneagles Plan of Action on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development adopted at the G8 summit in 2005 and the St. Petersburg Plan of Action on Global Energy Security adopted at the G8 summit in 2006,
5. Noting the EU Commission's Green Paper on A European Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy issued in 2006,
6. Noting the resolution 1531 (2007) on the Peril of Using Energy Supply as an Instrument of Political Pressure adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the European Council in 2007,
7. Expressing the full support of the work of the OSCE co-ordinator for Economic and Environmental Activities;

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

8. Urges all OSCE member states to sign and ratify the Energy Charter Treaty if they have not yet done so;
9. Urges all OSCE member states to commit themselves to a successful completion of the Energy Charter Treaty Transit Protocol;
10. Strongly rejects any attempts by OSCE member states to use energy issues as a tool of political pressure;
11. Urges all OSCE countries to observe market economy principles (fair competition, transparency and non-discriminatory transit) in the energy sector;

12. Urges OSCE members to do more to develop measures aimed at increasing energy saving and efficiency in households, industry, transport and services;
13. Urges OSCE members to further the use of renewable energy at their national energy markets;
14. Stresses the duty to cooperate, inform and consult among all potentially affected countries when planning and constructing international energy pipelines and installations;
15. Encourages the co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities once a year to submit an official report to the Ministerial Council on progress made in implementing the Gleneagles Plan of Action on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Energy adopted at the G8 summit in 2005 and the St. Petersburg Plan of Action on Global Energy Security adopted at the G8 summit in 2006.

### **The Situation in Belarus**

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

16. Supporting the important work being carried out by the OSCE Office in Minsk,
17. Acknowledging the co-operation demonstrated by the Belarusian Government with the OSCE Office in Minsk,
18. Welcoming the stated will of the Belarusian Government to work actively and co-operatively within the framework of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly,
19. Welcoming the opportunity for the OSCE PA Working Group on Belarus and the Belarusian delegation to the OSCE PA in co-operation with the OSCE office in Minsk to organise a seminar entitled “Exploring the Opportunities for Belarus within the European Neighbourhood Policy” in March 2007 as an important first step towards enhanced dialogue between Belarus and the international community,
20. Regretting that the Belarusian presidential election on 29 March 2006 and the local Belarusian elections on 14 January 2007 both failed to meet the OSCE commitments for democratic elections,
21. Regretting the amended Belarusian Electoral Code taking effect on 10 October 2006, which among other things, restricted candidates’ rights to hold open-air campaigning meetings with voters,
22. Welcoming the European Commission’s Non-paper “What the European Union Could bring to Belarus”, dated 21 November 2006,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

23. Urges the Belarusian Government to take advantage of EU's Neighbourhood Initiative;
24. Urges the Belarusian Government actively pursues the implementation of its international commitments and principles which are inextricably linked to the notion of a free and democratic European state including the improvements described in the European Commissions' non-paper so that the Neighbourhood Policy Programme can be implemented;
25. Urges the Belarusian Government and Parliament to reform and ratify the Electoral Code to meet OSCE standards;
26. Calls upon the Belarusian Government to respect the right to freedom of expression and access to independent information in national and international media as a fundamental part of all democratic societies,
27. Calls upon the Belarusian government to respect the rights of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as a vital part of a healthy democracy by no longer hindering their legal existence, harassing and prosecuting members of NGOs, and allowing them to receive international assistance;
28. Calls upon the Belarusian authorities to release all political prisoners and to properly and independently investigate or review the cases of disappeared persons;
29. Urges the Belarusian government to invite OSCE to observe all future elections;
30. Instructs and supports its ad hoc Working Group on Belarus to continue its efforts with its mandate,
31. Confirms that OSCE PA remains committed to contributing to the progress of democratisation, the rule of law, and respect of human rights in Belarus.

