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Statement

SUPPORT FOR THE RAIL BALTICA PROJECT

Chairpersons of the Committees on European Union Affairs of the National Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland,

reiterating that the Rail Baltica project is a project of century's relevance for the Baltics and that developed railway is a matter of national security for the Baltic States,

underlining that the project will give significant contribution to the economy of the region and will promote mutual solidarity and good neighbourly relations among the Baltic States,

indicating that retarding adopt decisions may have a negative effect of the implementation of the Rail Baltica project,

strongly supporting the Baltic States' common commitment to implement the Rail Baltica project,

being aware that transparent and responsible project guidance and respecting the principles of good governance is key to ensuring credibility, trust and broad acceptance, and successful implementation of the project,

welcome the agreement achieved on inter-governmental level and encourage the responsible parties to commit to swift further development of the project while maintaining the necessary quality,

invite the responsible parties to follow closely the project deadlines significant for ensuring availability of EU financing according to the plan of the Rail Baltica project.