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PARLIAMENTS OF LATVIA, ESTONIA, LITHUANIA, THE SENATE AND
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**JOINT DECLARATION
ON A SECURE, COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
SUPPLY FOR EUROPE
ADOPTED BY THE LATVIAN, ESTONIAN, LITHUANIAN AND
POLISH PARLIAMENTARY EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES**

Oil, gas, and coal reserves in Europe continue to decrease, and thus Europe is forced to import more energy than up until now, and this import has an upward trend. This means that Europe is becoming more and more dependent on energy import. Taking into consideration the recent developments between Russia and Ukraine, the energy resources issue has become a priority for the entire Community. The Green Paper on a Secure, Competitive and Sustainable Energy for Europe issued by the European Commission specifies potential ways for solving these problems.

The Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian and Polish parliamentary European Affairs Committees:

- 1) fully support the elaboration of common EU energy policy that would provide a unified approach in relations with energy suppliers;
- 2) support a top-level dialogue with supplying countries, especially with Russia, which is one of major energy suppliers at the Community level;
- 3) regard that it is necessary to prevent fragmentation of the energy market and promote integration of isolated states and regions in the EU energy market;
- 4) support improving the system for overcoming crises in power supply and thereby facilitate solidarity among EU member states and ensure assistance to those countries which have power supply problems;
- 5) support the EU's decision to improve the investment climate at the Community level;
- 6) fully support energy saving in the fields in which it is easiest to reduce energy consumption and in which no great investments are required;

- 7) regard that in implementing the future EU energy policy in relation to a secure energy supply, the possibilities to use EU's financial assistance instruments should be explored;
- 8) Parliamentary committees of the Baltic States and Poland support development of the diversified energy resources in order to secure supply and in that way to provide stability in the region.