

RESOLUTION
of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
of 12 October 2012
on a sustainable implementation of the climate policy

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland perceives the need for an effective climate policy. The global climate change poses a significant threat to the environment and the quality of life of future generations. Counteracting these threats requires harmonious cooperation of the entire international community. The appropriate forum for such cooperation is the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It would be ineffective to conduct a unilateral policy in isolation from the consensus achieved by the Conference of the Parties.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland wishes to emphasise the impressive achievements of Poland in the field of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The reduction target for Poland which follows from the Kyoto Protocol of 1997 (reducing the emissions by 6%) has been significantly exceeded – the actual emission reduction amounts to ca. 30%.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland critically assesses the proposals of the European Commission concerning long-term targets in building a low-carbon economy, according to which greenhouse gas emissions should be reduced by 20% by 2020 and by 80-95% by 2050. These proposals, included in such documents as the *Energy Roadmap 2050*, do not take into account the specific economic situation of individual Member States and do not provide for mechanisms that would ensure a fair distribution of burdens related to implementing the European climate policy.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland calls on the Council of Ministers to prepare a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis related to the implementation of the climate policy until 2020 and until 2050. Such an analysis should make it possible to choose the most rational method of reducing emissions, which will enable mitigating undesirable social and economic effects. This document should contribute to developing a common concept of climate policy within the EU, in accordance with the postulates of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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