RESOLUTION

OF THE SEJM OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

April 14, 2023

on the draft regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland expresses a negative position regarding the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of methane emissions in the energy sector and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/924.

The draft, which is being processed in the forum of the European Union, carries many serious risks, both for Poland's energy security and for Polish society. The draft's provisions as proposed, which impose unreasonable and excessive requirements for coal mine methane emissions that are inconsistent with available technological and economic knowledge, will lead to a socio-economic crisis in the mining industry, risking job losses for hundreds of thousands of workers.

Adoption of the currently proposed regulation will nullify the Social Agreement on the Transformation of the Coal Mining Sector and Selected Processes of Transformation of the Silesian Province, which sets the pace for the transition away from coal in Poland.

The closure of coal mines will lead to Poland's dependence on imported coal and an increased threat to energy security, which, in view of the ongoing hostilities caused by the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine, is unacceptable.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland strongly opposes the draft regulation in its current form. It is necessary to adapt the draft regulation to the actual adaptation possibilities resulting from the specific situation of our country.

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