

RESOLUTION
of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
of 20 December 2007
on the EU Reform Treaty signed in Lisbon on 13 December 2007

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland declares satisfaction with the signing of the EU Reform Treaty in Lisbon on 13 December 2007. Thereby, the long-standing phase of reflection and debate on the institutional future of the EU draws to a close.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland believes that the new Treaty will contribute to improving the efficiency of the European Union and will enable the strengthening of its role and position in the world. Poland has a vital interest in the existence of a strong and effective European Union, particularly due to the continuing process of strengthening the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, as well as extending the scope of the solidarity clause to energy security. The Treaty will render the European Union more democratic and effective, while the citizens will now be able to influence the process of establishing its political priorities through the Citizens' Initiative.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland expects the government to present EU institutions with proposals concerning the practical application of the Treaty provision on energy solidarity in the EU.

Recognizing the positive and important role of the Charter of Fundamental Rights for the citizens, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland hopes that it will be possible for the Republic of Poland to withdraw from the British protocol.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland believes that adopting the Reform Treaty will significantly strengthen the role of national parliaments in the law-making process in the European Union and increase their involvement in national debates on European matters.

Declaring its support for the soonest possible ratification of the Reform Treaty by Poland as a clear symbol of the Polish wish to deepen and strengthen the European integration process, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland hopes that the planned ratification of the Treaty by the other Member States will be completed by the end of 2008.

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