

RESOLUTION

ON ENERGY POLICY OF THE BALTIC STATES

The Baltic Assembly,

taking into consideration that although being the member states of the European Union, the Baltic States – the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania – are still separated from the energy supply system of the European Union due to the historical circumstances and remain directly dependent on Russia's supply of natural gas, oil and in part electricity;

drawing attention to unpredictable energy supply disruptions from Russia to the neighbouring countries;

being aware that security of energy supply is essential for all Baltic States and the Baltic Sea Region,

approves of the actions of the governments of the Baltic States aimed at improving the reliability of energy supply and of the Communiqué signed on 27 February 2006 by the heads of the governments as well as of the agreement to prepare an energy strategy of the Baltic States;

urges the governments to make all efforts to diversify the energy resources by geographical origin and type, to consider building a LNG terminal in one of the Baltic States or gas pipeline connecting them with European gas grids, to increase energy efficiency as well as use of local resources and renewable energy sources, to prepare a common energy strategy of the Baltic States and to submit it to the parliaments of the Baltic States for approval;

calls on the European Commission to prepare effective measures aimed at integrating the individual regional energy markets of the Baltic States into a single European energy market based on the principles of solidarity and integration.

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