

RESOLUTION

On Climate Change Mitigation and Preventive Measures

The Baltic Assembly

- **taking into consideration** the initiative of the European Commission to draft a directive on promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, aimed at having a 20% increase in energy efficiency, a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, a 20% share of renewable energy in overall EU energy consumption by 2020 and to have a 10% biofuel component in vehicle fuel by 2020;
- **recognizing** the importance of the Baltic Sea regional energy cooperation and energy supply security;
- **emphasizing** the importance of developing the Baltic Sea region into a highly energy efficient and growing economy, and – at the same time – reducing the dependence on the carbon-based energy sources which in the long term would have a positive impact on climate change mitigation;

calls on national parliaments and governments of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the Baltic Council of Ministers:

- **to pay** special attention to climate change mitigation issues and to develop strategies and measures aimed at reducing the vulnerability to the possible consequences of climate change;
- **to actively cooperate** in the sphere of diversification of renewable energy resources and a switch to the most energy-efficient technologies with the greatest potential for emission reductions while ensuring less energy dependency on external sources;
- **to encourage** companies to use low-carbon technologies by means of economic and political instruments, and underline the positive research, job and business potentials of environmentally friendly eco-industries;
- **to develop and use** an energy efficient approach in house building sector by focusing on innovative technologies such as solar energy, heat-recycling systems, new insulation technologies and environmentally friendly building materials, which in the long term would facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gases.

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