



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
THE EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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COSAC Presidency

Mr Willi Stächele

President of the Committee on Questions of the European Union

Mr Matthias Wissmann

Chairman of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union

Dear Colleagues,

The Chairmen of the EU Affairs Committees of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland have a tradition of holding biannual meetings, preceding the COSAC meeting, in order to discuss the topics of the conference and to prepare the common position on the issues under discussion.

During our last meeting, which was held on 15-17 April 2007 in Gdańsk, Poland, we agreed on a common statement. The statement contains several provisions, which we wish to present to the COSAC Presidency for its consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund Wittbrodt

Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee
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**Statement of the 5th meeting
of the European Union Affairs Committees
of the Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland**

Gdansk, 15-17 April 2007

The EU Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland:

- note the significance of the Berlin Declaration, which underlines the importance of Europe's common past, its shared values and ideals, describes current state of affairs in the Union, and draws prospects for the future, mentioning the challenges that the Union will have to face, such as globalisation, terrorism and climate change but also points out that the changes in Central and Eastern Europe led to the re-integration of the continent;
 - welcome the initiative of the German Presidency to speed up the process leading to the adoption of the Constitutional Treaty but consider it necessary to involve the national parliaments in the preparations of a compromise concerning the Treaty;
 - support the need for devising an integrated climate and energy policy of the European Union, which should ensure environmental sustainability, encourage EU economic growth and support its competitiveness in the world;
 - stress that in the New Energy Policy for Europe, the importance of solidarity in securing the supply of energy for Member States should be emphasized and that the measures leading to an improvement in the energy security carried out in one Member State should not deteriorate energy security in other Member States;
 - note the urgent need to face the challenges of the climate change and therefore support the EU policy of climate protection, stressing the importance of proposing diverse measures and solutions proportional to varying economic capabilities of each Member State;
 - welcome the initiative of the European Commission concerning a direct transfer of its documents to the national parliaments and underline the need for the European Commission's feedback on the comments and remarks received from the national parliaments;
 - encourage the Members States of the European Union to manage the Eastern Dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy in a much more coherent and united way in order to achieve stability, prosperity and democracy in the neighbouring countries;
 - emphasise the necessity for a strong and long-term engagement of the EU in co-operation with Ukraine, especially taking into account the recent political crisis in this country and the importance of Ukraine for maintaining stability and security in the region.
 - with reference to art. 4.3 of the COSAC Rules of Procedure we ask the COSAC Presidency to invite the Ukrainian representatives to participate in the XXXVII COSAC meeting in Berlin under agenda item "Eastern Dimension of the EU Neighbourhood Policy".
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