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OPINION

**ON THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL 2020 STRATEGIC FORESIGHT
REPORT. STRATEGIC FORESIGHT - CHARTING THE COURSE TOWARDS A
MORE RESILIENT EUROPE**

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The Committee on European Affairs and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the Committees),

taking note of the Communication from the European Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) to the European Parliament and the Council 2020 Strategic Foresight Report. Strategic Foresight - Charting the Course Towards a More Resilient Europe (hereinafter referred to as the Report),

having regard to the decision of the Committee for the Future of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, included in Minutes No 122-P-2 of the meeting of 22 January 2021, whereby the Committee proposes that, with a view to ensuring a common systemic perspective for Lithuania's future, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania should analyse the insights and observations made in the Report, take them into account when improving the national strategic management system, engage in active cooperation on the development of the tool for monitoring and annually assessing resilience indicators, as well as draft and publish annual future-oriented strategic forecasts for Lithuania,

having regard to the decision of the Committee on Audit of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, included in Minutes No 141-P-25(4) of the meeting of 16 December 2020, whereby the Committee emphasises that strategic foresight is the main tool for strategic planning and facilitates systematic identification of strategic goals in different policies and achievement of long-term structural changes,

having regard to the decision of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, included in Minutes No 103-P-49(7) of the meeting of 16 December 2020, whereby the Committee welcomes the monitoring and annual assessment of social, economic, geopolitical, green and digital dimensions identified in the European Union (hereinafter referred to the EU) structural analysis of resilience and proposes establishing specific criteria for strategic assessment indicators in order to achieve a more accurate assessment of strategic foresight of policies geared to future challenges,

having regard to the decision of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, included in Minutes No 108-P46(3) of the meeting of 2 December 2020, whereby the Committee, underlining that, in the face of the unforeseen changes across the world, it is essential for the EU to be better prepared to timely assess the changing trends and plan solutions to potential problems, noting that the changes will affect every policy when the EU aims to implement the Green Deal by green and digital shift and by offering appropriate conditions for all, and taking note that the coronavirus pandemic has revealed not only the most vulnerable areas in the EU but also its capabilities and potentials, welcomes the monitoring and annual assessment of social, economic, geopolitical, green and digital dimensions identified in the EU structural analysis of resilience and proposes establishing specific criteria for strategic assessment indicators in order to achieve a more accurate assessment of strategic foresight of policies geared to future challenges,

endorsing in principle the abovementioned decisions,

w e l c o m e the objective of promoting strategic thinking and finding tools that help to shape EU policies adjusted to future challenges;

a p p l a u d the initiatives designed to improve the quality and transparency of the EU decision-making and implement policies targeted at long-term structural change, as well as aimed at comprehensibility of the Commission's activities, in-depth discussion of topical issues on the EU agenda, soundness of the decisions taken, and compatibility and complementarity between sectoral policies;

d r a w t h e a t t e n t i o n to the need to assess, before launching new monitoring measures, their added value, autonomy, and potential duplication of the existing measures;

e m p h a s i s e that the scope of reports and/or information provided by national entities should not be unduly expanded to create unnecessary bureaucratic burden.



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