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EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CHAIRWOMAN

Agnieszka Pomaska

**Mr
José Manuel Barroso
President of the
European Commission**

Dear Mr President,

I hereby enclose European Union Affairs Committee's opinion No. 49 on the *Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants (COM(2013) 919 final)* and the *Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants and amending Directive 2003/35/EC (COM(2013) 920 final)* adopted at the 227th Committee's meeting of 5th February 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
on
the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the
limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants
(COM(2013) 919 final)
and
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reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants and amending
Directive 2003/35/EC (COM(2013) 920 final)
adopted at the 227th meeting of 5 February 2014

The European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland:

1. Does not support the proposed legislative changes put forward by the European Commission in the proposals COM(2013) 919 and COM(2013) 920 concerning the reduction of emissions from certain so-called small combustion plants;
2. Proposes to include the following considerations in the legislative changes concerning the reduction of emissions from certain so-called small combustion plants:
 - 1) Introducing minimum quality requirements for solid fuels.
 - 2) Making fuel excise duty rates dependent on fuel quality and end-user type.
 - 3) Clarify the possibility to define admissible fuel types and fuel quality specifications in accordance with Article 96 of the Environment Protection Act
 - 4) Defining emission standards for boilers below 1 MW power output.
 - 5) Introducing technical requirements applicable to pollutant emission levels for new small combustion units in households.
 - 6) Introducing an obligation to prepare local land development plans for areas where air quality standards are not met.
 - 7) Introducing an obligation to include information on acceptable heating technologies to be used in buildings in local land development plans and zoning decisions.
 - 8) Introducing an obligation to include provisions of air protection programmes in local land development plans and zoning decisions.
 - 9) Including information about heating technologies used/to be used in building structures in their construction designs and in notifications of completion of construction process.

- 10) Giving priority to connecting buildings to heat distribution networks.
 - 11) Enabling the implementation of limited traffic emission zones.
 - 12) Introducing supervisory measures to follow timely preparation of draft assumptions for heat, electric energy and gaseous fuels supply plans by communes.
 - 13) Introducing an obligation for voivodeship boards to ensure the compliance of draft assumptions for communal heat, electric energy and gaseous fuels supply plans with air protection programmes.
 - 14) Introducing the requirement to draw up inventories of combustion units while preparing draft assumptions for heat, electric energy and gaseous fuels supply plans.
 - 15) Devolving the obligation to prepare and adopt energy plans to voivodeships.
 - 16) Introducing a possibility of awarding subsidies from communal budgets after heating installation replacement.
 - 17) Indicating the entity responsible for curbing emissions from the municipal sector and from transport within every commune.
 - 18) Introducing more detailed carbon offsetting regulations.
 - 19) Introducing an obligation to decide on the need for carbon offset at the stage of issuing environmental approvals.
 - 20) Allowing for carbon offsetting through reduction of small combustion plant emissions.
3. Calls upon the Council of Ministers to take measures aimed at introducing the above-mentioned legislative changes with respect to the reduction of emissions from certain so-called small combustion plants.

Committee Chair

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