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SEJM
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
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. 59 on the *Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: European Energy Security Strategy (COM(2014) 330 final)* adopted on the 276th Committee's meeting on 27th of August 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Opinion No 59
of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
on
“Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the
Council: European Energy Security Strategy (COM(2014) 330 final)”
adopted on the basis of Article 160 of the Standing Orders of the Sejm
at the 276th session on 27 August 2014

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

1. Supports the position of the European Commission on the establishment of the “European Energy Security Strategy” based on eight pillars:
 - immediate actions aimed at increasing the EU’s capacity to overcome a major disruption during the winter 2014/2015;
 - strengthening solidarity/emergency mechanisms including coordination of risk assessments and contingency plans; and protecting strategic infrastructure;
 - moderating energy demand;
 - building a well-functioning and fully integrated internal market;
 - increasing energy production in the EU;
 - further developing energy technologies;
 - diversifying external supplies and related infrastructure;
 - improving coordination of national energy policies and speaking with one voice in external energy policy.

The Committee is of the opinion that this document may serve as a good basis for further discussion.
2. Supports the negative position of the government of the Republic of Poland, in particular with regard to the inclusion of the energy security strategy in the climate and energy package, and points out that the EU’s energy policy is based on three equivalent and interrelated pillars: energy security, competitiveness and sustainable development.
3. Supports the position of the government, which is opposed to tying the construction of coal-based energy facilities to the use of CCS technology.

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4. Supports the position of the government on ensuring public aid opportunities for the construction of energy facilities based on clean coal technologies and nuclear energy.
 5. Draws attention to the necessity of creating favourable conditions for the exploitation of unconventional natural gas sources in the EU, which would help weaken the dependence on natural gas imports from outside the EU.
 6. Fully supports the European Commission's recognition of energy security as an important part of the EU's common foreign policy and at the same time points out that the strategy makes only minimal proposals in terms of new instruments for leading the EU's external energy policy.
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Committee Chair

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