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**Opinion
of the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee
of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
on energy efficiency (recast)
COM(2021)558
adopted at the sitting held on 23rd November 2021**

Taking into account the opinion of the Special Committee on Climate adopted at the sitting held on 3-4 November 2021, the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee delivers the following opinion:

1. The Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee and the Special Committee on Climate (the Committees) support, in principle, the aims of the proposed directive.
2. According to the Committees, the adoption of the draft directive could contribute to accelerating the transformation and increasing the energy efficiency of buildings.
3. At the same time, the Committees see a problem with implementing the ambitious targets of the directive in Poland in such a way as to address the issue of energy poverty and access to district heating.
4. The Committees welcome the catalogue of measures proposed in the draft directive to support civic energy and tackle energy poverty.
5. The Government in the negotiations should seek a derogation and an extension of the deadlines for achieving the targets, but at the same time ensure that the transformation in this area is significantly accelerated and that adequate financial resources are made available to achieve these targets.
6. The Committees support the linking of the new emission trading system in the building sector with investment in this in Poland and the use of funds from the sale of permits for purposes related to the thermal rehabilitation of buildings and upgrading their energy performance.