

SUMMARY
of the Opinion on “Energy Union Package
A framework strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate
Change Policy” – COM(2015)80

The Chamber of Deputies:

- Welcomes the Report on the energy package achieved by the Committee on industry, research and energy of the European Parliament, concerning the comprehensive approach, based on the consolidated inventory of relevant documents, at the Union level, which have been mentioned in the Preamble;
- Expresses its worries concerning the situation signaled by the European Commission according to which the retail market is not functioning properly; thus, many household consumers have too little choice of energy suppliers and too little control over their energy costs regarding energy. Consequently, it supports the elaboration of specific measures aiming at fixing this situation and considers that the households which cannot afford to pay their energy bills should be supported;
- Supports the goal of the Commission to assure a greater transparency of the structure of costs and energy prices;
- Agrees that a new research and innovation strategy should be in the center of the energy union;
- Expresses its conviction that each Member State will be realistically taken into consideration as to its specific potential to use the indigenous energy resources, to choose its own way of setting up its energy mix, on the principle of technological neutrality; in this respect, the nuclear option should remain the own choice of the Member States and the use of carbon as a source of energy should continue, especially as a consequence of the technologies improvement.
- Expresses its hope that projects like the one meant to interconnect the electricity markets of the North-West, the Center and the East of Europe should be opened for other European countries of the South-East Europe and makes appeal to the principle of solidarity in order to overcome the difficulties met in the access of Romania to interconnecting energy projects.