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**CONCLUSIONS
of the
Meeting of the European Affairs Committees
of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Czech Republic,
the Hungarian National Assembly,
the Sejm and the Senate of the Republic of Poland and
the National Council of the Slovak Republic
Prague, 6th September 2021**

The Representatives of the European Affairs Committees of the Visegrad Group countries:

With regard to the issue of Covid situation and restoration after pandemic

- find it important to investigate the circumstances of the origin and spreading of Covid-19 in order to draw a lesson from errors and shortcomings in communication, the point is not a victimization or shaming of a particular subject, it is meant to prevent from repeating the same mistakes in the future;
- urge for substantial strengthening of strategic self-sufficiency of the EU, as the pandemic has showed great dependency of the Union on various commodities that are essential for daily functioning of the EU economy and for basic services provided to its citizens;
- express their hope that the Member States will make use of resources of recovery plans to boost and speed up digitalization of their economies.

With regard to the issue “Fit for 55” package

- emphasize that all measures need to comply with different situation in respective economic sectors, as well as different energy mix of the EU Member States;
- point out that reaching climate neutrality and ambitious climate targets should be based on intense efforts of EU Member States in accordance with fairness and solidarity;
- find it crucial that the transition to the carbon neutral economy is carried out through cost-effective and economically sustainable measures aiming to avoid withdrawal of particular production or activities out of the EU to areas with lower social and environmental standards, including the common understanding that social and environmental dumping is not acceptable and must be avoided;
- highlight that green transition should not lay additional financial burden on households, and secure and affordable supply of energy is to be guaranteed;
- believe that the overall goal can only be reached by a joint effort and widely accepted standards at global level with a leading European role of climate diplomacy.