

**Conclusions of the  
Meeting of representatives of the  
Committees on European Affairs of National Parliaments of  
Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Poland**

**Krakow, 29 March 2009**

Representatives of the committees for European affairs of the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, the Sejm and the Senate of the Republic of Poland, who met in Krakow on 29 March 2009:

**EASTERN PARTNERSHIP**

express their conviction that Eastern Partnership shall contribute to the consolidation of stability and economic development of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine and to closer relations between those states and the EU through a political association, progressing economic integration with the EU and the transfer of European values and standards;

regard it necessary to ensure an adequate level of financing the Eastern Partnership, guaranteeing the implementation of the goals inscribed therein in the current financial perspective;

express their conviction of the necessity of taking joint initiatives to carry out the Eastern Partnership;

**STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA**

regard the Strategy for the Baltic Sea as the possibility to release the potential of the area to enhance the effectiveness and competitiveness and also to improve its natural environment;

unanimously state that the Strategy for the Baltic Sea should be regarded as an initiative aimed at improving the effectiveness of the implementation of European policies aimed at deepening cooperation between the states of the region and strengthening integrity of the whole European Union;

perceive the necessity of basing the Strategy on the principle of sustainable development with the simultaneous preservation of freedom in the selection of concrete instruments and mechanisms taking into account the diverse climatic, soil, and hydrological conditions and the predominating type of agricultural production;

**FINANCIAL CRISIS**

unanimously regard the crisis on the international financial markets as unprecedented and call on the European Union to continue to implement the agreed recovery measures as a matter of urgency in order to stimulate economic growth and employment and counteract the consequences of the crisis for the economy as a whole;

draw attention to the importance of having sustainable public finances;

warn against the danger of protectionism at the same time encouraging European politicians to continue their efforts to strengthen society's confidence in financial institutions and in the restoration of normal functioning of the financial system;

## **ENERGY SECURITY**

draw attention to the necessity of improving the effectiveness of the use of energy and increasing the share of energy from renewable sources in the final energy balance and of increasing of the security of supplies of fuels and energy, of diversification of technologies and energy supplies channels as well as of the development of infrastructure for the competitive fuel and energy markets;

underscore the importance of ensuring gas supply security and of solidary actions of the member states at both the regional and community level;

express anxiety in connection with the construction of the Nord Stream gas pipeline, which constitutes an ecological threat owing to the chemical weapons storage area on the Baltic Sea bed and the concentration of hazardous substances, and also the threat to sea transport; in connection with the above-mentioned, underline the necessity to implement the recommendations of the European Parliament resolution of 8 July 2008 P6\_TA(2008)0336 on the Environmental Impact of the Planned Gas Pipeline in the Baltic Sea;

declare themselves in favour of construction of the Amber pipeline, which they consider necessary for the integration of the isolated Baltic Sea region into the European gas system and offering possibility of implementing the project in Single European Market area, characterised by, among other things, a uniform transmission tariff and equal treatment of investors.