



Hungarian National Assembly
Committee on European Affairs

CONCLUSIONS

of the

Meeting of the European Affairs Committees of the Hungarian National Assembly, the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Czech Republic, the Sejm and the Senate of the Republic of Poland and the National Council of the Slovak Republic

The Representatives of the European Affairs Committees of the

Visegrád Group Countries

Regarding current issues on the EU agenda: Programme of the Swedish EU Presidency and the possible tasks of the next Trio Presidency

- welcome the programme of the Swedish Presidency of the EU Council, which adequately address the most pressing issues on the EU agenda;
- invite the incoming Trio Presidency to forge viable compromises on major legal files in order to pave the way to the smooth transition to the new EU institutional cycle;
- strongly condemn Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, supported by Belarus, and support Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders;
- highlight the major importance of the UN General Assembly Resolution on the Principles of the Charter of the United Nations underlying a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine;
- call for an immediate cessation of the aggression, including the attacks on the critical infrastructure of Ukraine and any deliberate attacks on civilian objects;
- take note of the efforts undertaken by the International Criminal Court and its Prosecutor in order to ensure accountability for the most serious crimes committed in connection with Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;
- stress the need to set up appropriate mechanism in accordance with international law to provide full accountability for the crime of aggression committed by Russia against Ukraine;
- consider the existence of the single market for 30 years as a fundamental achievement and core element of the European integration therefore, call for further developing it and removing existing barriers;
- highly appreciate the achieved EU candidate status of Ukraine, Moldova and Bosnia and Hercegovina, as well as the opening of the accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia after many years of stalemate. For the sake of accelerating the European integration process, urge the fulfilment and monitoring of the conditions laid down by the European Commission for the respective EU candidate countries;
- expect that the EU enlargement policy will gain new momentum during the next Trio Presidency and the application of EU enlargement methodology for the

acceding countries will prevail; in this context call also for acceleration and flexibility in the preparations on achieving the status of a candidate country for Georgia;

- are convinced that the everyday life of EU citizens should be strongly protected therefore, support the strengthening of EU external borders and effective action against illegal migration flows and human trafficking networks.

Regarding Energy security and the green transition

- highly appreciate that several elements of the conclusions of their last meeting held in Kosice on 25 April 2022 on energy security have already been fulfilled;
- reiterate the commitment of their countries concerning the target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% and the increase of the renewable energy sources by at least 42,5 % by 2030 and in this respect point out that the use of nuclear energy contributes to climate neutrality while providing clean electricity at affordable prices;
- are convinced that the European Green Deal as Europe's new growth strategy will end up with a resource-efficient and competitive EU economy;
- acknowledge the significant success of the Member State level reduction of gas consumption by nearly 20 % as an average, during the last heating season and highlight that EU gas storage level should reach maximum level by September this year;
- consider that saving energy constitutes an affordable and clean option to reduce the EU's reliance on foreign fossil fuel imports;
- welcome the swift agreement by the EU institutions on REPowerEU on saving energy, producing clean energy and diversifying energy supplies and its future introduction into the recovery and resilience plans of the Member States;
- underline that the competence of Member States regarding their own energy mix as provided by the Treaties should be respected.

Regarding topics of the upcoming LXIX COSAC, 14-16 May 2023, Stockholm

- invite the current and the next COSAC Presidencies to put the issue of the so-called solidarity lanes and food security on the agenda of the next meetings.

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