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RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the principles enshrined in the *Charter of good neighborly relations, stability, security and cooperation*, signed in Bucharest in 2000, as the founding document of the SEECP;

Following the Declaration on the inauguration of the SEECP Parliamentary Assembly adopted on May 10, 2014;

Guided by the Rules of Procedure of the SEECP Parliamentary Assembly adopted on 10 May 2014 which establish the functioning of the SEECP Parliamentary Assembly;

In accordance with the Work Programme 2014/2015 adopted on May 11, 2014 and the Report of the SEECP Parliamentary Dimension Working Group approved during the Inaugural Session on May 10, 2014;

Underlining that the liberalization of energy markets that will ensure competitive prices and consumer protection in accordance with EU legislation is an important goal for all the countries from SEECP;

Stressing the need for the effective application and implementation of the provisions included in the Third Energy Package of EU with a view to create an investment climate on the whole territory of Europe, based on clear market mechanisms and a stable and transparent European legal base;

Acknowledging the importance of the recently launched European Energy Union as an initiative aiming at integrating and consolidating the European energy framework and as a project with direct impact on the EU's neighborhood, including SEECP countries;

Taking account of the need for more investments in a strategic and a flexible infrastructure being a precondition for a single energy market, including the realization of sufficient interconnections between neighbouring countries with a view to the accessibility and maximum use of the existing energy infrastructure, which will lead to an increase in the security of supplies and a diversification of energy sources, prevention of energy isolation and connection of outermost regions of the regional energy market to the European continental networks;

Admitting that energy efficiency is an important priority which will have a serious multiplication effect on the economies of the SEECP countries, as a key factor in enhancing their competitiveness, reducing their energy dependence, creating new jobs and protecting the environment;

Having in mind the EU Directives and Regulations targeted to liberalization, integrity and transparency of the energy market, energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources;

Welcoming the activity of the Energy Community in SEE as a guarantee for the successful implementation of EU's directives and standards in the field of energy in SEE countries,

The General Committee on Economy, Infrastructure and Energy, which was convened in Sofia on March 21st, 2015:

1. **Calls on** SEEC countries to work towards ensuring the security of energy supplies for the region and for Europe, continuing the big energy projects in accordance with the European and international law and their economic efficiency;
2. **Underlines** the key importance of developing institutional cooperation between SEEC countries to the harmonization of policies with a view to building a single market and creating investment-friendly climate in the energy sector as an important condition for the sustainable development of the region;
3. **Calls on** the governments from SEEC to develop cross-border energy connections through the timely adoption and implementation of network codes and guidelines for electricity, and to continue their work on negotiating a mutually acceptable operative framework for the effective and non-discriminatory use and development of the capacity of gas pipelines and power grids in the region of SEE;
4. **Calls on** the countries from SEEC who are members of the EU or the Energy Community to transpose and implement the Third Energy Package and other directives in the field of energy;
5. **Strongly recommends** the activation of legislation towards promoting and supporting the introduction of renewable energy sources as the key solution in relation to the sustainable development and energy efficiency of SEE;
6. **Encourages** the countries from that region to work towards accomplishing the energy efficiency goals under Strategy 2020 by ensuring the proper implementation of the regulatory framework, access to funding and removal of existing barriers;
7. **Invites** the parliaments of SEEC PA to create, maintain and develop a network between the parliamentarians involved in the abovementioned, by activating cooperation in that field with parliamentarians of the European Parliament. This network shall assist in building up knowledge through screening of energy plans of the countries from SEEC, tracking the performance of energy efficiency policies and results-oriented ;
8. **Calls on** SEEC PA to assist in the undertaking of actions in European and regional energy policies, and for this purpose enhancing the close cooperation between the European, regional, national and local levels;
9. **Invites** the SEEC countries to share and apply the good practices specified in the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Energy General Committee and enclosed contributions of the SEEC PA national parliaments;