

## COMMUNIQUE

Of the Ministers of Economy of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Poland

4 February 2008, Vilnius

Expressing their will to pursue close cooperation in the energy field between Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland and to contribute to the implementation of the European Energy Policy;

Confirming their commitment to the idea of European unity and solidarity in the area of energy policy;

Recognizing the need for more cohesion of the Baltic and Polish energy markets in order to secure long term energy supply in the region, diversification of sources and suppliers of the energy resources;

Considering the integration of the electricity systems of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania into the competitive and secure internal energy market of the European Union and into the Union of Coordination of Transmission of Electricity (UCTE) system as a common strategic target of all four countries and acknowledging that new regional electricity interconnections are crucial for it;

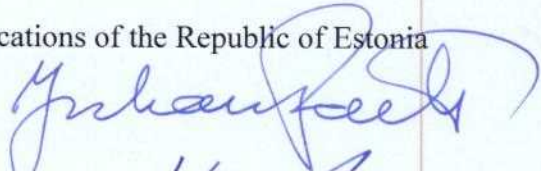
The Ministers have agreed to:

1. Coordinate their activities in developing and implementing European Energy Policy with a particular effort to develop common approach in implementing provisions of Lisbon Treaty on solidarity and promotion of interconnections as well as to seek a more thorough debate on the European external energy policy at the 2008 Spring European Council.
2. Share their experiences in improvement of energy efficiency, development of use of renewable energy sources, promotion of local energy generation and using clean energy generation technologies with the aim to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
3. Cooperate on other major issues such as reliability of energy supply and energy mix diversification as well as strengthening of energy security.
4. Confirm the will for further cooperation in the process of the preparation and development of the new nuclear power plant in Lithuania, which will be economically and environmentally viable and would meet the capacity requirements expected by all participants. The Ministers encourage the companies involved to assess the progress achieved in preparation of the key agreements and to present an overview to the Ministers by July 2008.
5. Cooperate on sound economic basis on the strategic projects for integration of electricity systems into the energy systems and markets of the EU for instance

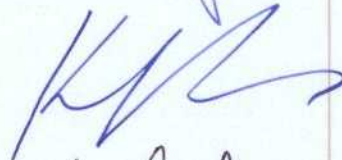
Lithuanian – Polish electricity interconnection and "Amber" gas transmission pipeline, as it is envisaged in the European Parliament and Council Decision 1364/2006/EC,

6. Seek to ensuring conditions for the Baltic States to join the UCTE as soon as possible.
7. Continue organizing the four Ministers meetings regularly.

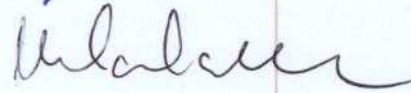
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