

Resolution Advancing Europe's Energy Security

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Stressing:

- The importance of political stability and security in the Balkans and the Caspian Region for Europe.
- The European Union's long-term goal to fully integrate the states of the Balkan into European structures fulfilling the vision of a Europe whole and free.
- The number of still unresolved conflicts in the Balkans and the Caspian Region like the dispute between Azerbaijan and Armenia about Nagorno-Karabakh.
- The vital significance of stability and peace in these regions especially in the case of energy security for Europe.

YEPP emphasizes:

- The urgent need to find political solutions to the so called "frozen conflicts" in the Caspian region.
- That safe structures for energy supply are in the interest of producing countries, transit countries and countries of importation alike.
- The interest of European countries to reduce the energy dependence from main Eurasian energy suppliers via further development of relations with alternative gas-supply sources both within and outside the EU
- The importance of current oil-and-gas search and exploration activities in the Black sea region.
- The role of alternative sources such as unconventional (shale) gas obtained via safe environmental friendly technologies.

YEPP calls on the EU member states:

- Calls on EU member states to implement the strategies for the diversification of energy supply routes, especially in developing alternatives to the North- and South Stream pipelines, to support the investment in green energy in order to diversify energy supply within the EU.
- Further support energy diversification in the Balkans via construction of gas interconnectors between Bulgaria, Greece, Romania and Serbia.
- To encourage all actions towards gas supply diversification in the EU in order to promote competitiveness and boost energy market liberalization
- Strengthening alternative projects with a geographical focus on Europe like the Trans-Anatolian gas pipeline (TANAP) running through Azerbaijan and Turkey; the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) running through Greece, Albania and

Italy and the Nabucco pipeline project that runs through Turkey, Bulgaria und Hungary.

- To call on the Armenian government to end the occupation of Nagorno-Karabakh and parts of Azerbaijani territory. Nagorno-Karabakh is an integral part of Azerbaijan, the inviolability of its borders and the security of the population living in the border region must be fully ensures without delay. Unfortunately, the negotiations of the OSCE in the context of the so-called "Minsk group" have not been successful so far. It is therefore time to finally enforce Azerbaijan's claim to its own territory, which is legitimate under international law.