Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum

Declaration

Adopted on 13 October in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

A. Recalling the Energy Community Contracting Parties’ obligations and commitment to implement the Energy Community Treaty and its acquis;

B. Welcoming the Annual Implementation Report 2015-2016, which maps the Contracting Parties’ progress in implementing the Energy Community legal framework, prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 67(b) of the Treaty;

C. Warmly welcoming the adoption of the Energy Community Sustainability Charter as an important tool for boosting energy efficiency and energy generation from renewable energy sources, which are the most cost-efficient and quickest ways to fight against climate change and deliver a sustainable energy future;

D. Taking note of the adoption of European Parliament resolution of 15 December 2015 Towards a European Energy Union (2015/2113(INI));

The Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum:

1. Emphasizes the need to boost cooperation between Members of National Parliaments of the Energy Community Contracting Parties and Members of the European Parliament in order to achieve the creation of a true pan-European Energy Community and establish a free flow of energy across EU and Energy Community Contracting Parties;

2. Stresses the importance of sharing experience and best practice in terms of acquis transposition and implementation between Parliaments;

3. Welcomes the progress achieved by the Contracting Parties in their transposition and implementation of the Energy Community legal framework, in particularly in those countries having completed the adoption of the Third Energy Package and the sustainability acquis;

4. Expresses concerns that some Contracting Parties are falling behind in the fulfilment of their commitments under the Energy Community Treaty, especially as this is in key areas such as energy efficiency and gas acquis, and thus clearly to the detriment of citizens;

5. Calls on Ukraine and Moldova to join the Energy Community Sustainability Charter;

6. Underlines its commitment to the timely adoption of Energy Community law and its full implementation in practice at the national level.