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Please find attached the Opinion of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Senate of the Republic of Poland on:

- proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 - COM(2013)480

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adopted at the meeting of 24 July 2013**

The European Union Affairs Committee (EUAC) issues a negative opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013.

1. While recognising the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international maritime transport, EUAC believes that such measures should be implemented first and foremost on the forum of the International Maritime Organisation within the framework of the future global emission reduction system, since the effectiveness of all measures adopted at the regional level is limited.
2. In EUAC's opinion, unilateral introduction of regional requirements in the European Union does not address the issue of reducing maritime transport emissions on a global scale, while imposing real administrative, operational and economic burdens on shipowners, thus harming the competitiveness of the Union's economy and the freedom of navigation activity.
3. According to EUAC, the Commission's empowerment to adopt delegated acts (in particular in Article 15(5) and Article 23) concerns matters of such importance that it should be analysed whether these truly are "non-essential elements of the act" as referred to in Article 290 TFEU.