**Claude Turmes,** *on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group***.** – Madam President, we should be extremely proud of what we have achieved with this legislation, under the leadership of Jerzy Buzek, with a good negotiation team where some of us had to play the bad guys at certain moments to move the show forward, and very good cooperation with the Commission. I am happy to see Mr Arias Cañete, but also Mr Ristori, whose services helped us a lot.

What did we achieve here? This is concrete solidarity. We now have a solution for one of the biggest divides in Europe, which was that Gazprom and Russia could abuse not only markets, but also gas, to put political pressure on eastern Europe. With this legislation I think we have a real weapon against this and it is important that we got it. It was a bit shameful that we had an uphill fight against Germany, France, Austria, the Netherlands, a bit of Belgium; western European governments not understanding why it is so important for eastern Europe to have this solidarity.

I am so proud that in this House this divide between western Europe and eastern Europe did not play a role, and that I and Theresa Griffin, we stood with eastern Europe in fighting Germany and France to get this legislation.

The second thing we should be proud of is that this is the first piece of energy legislation where we go beyond our dilemma, which is everything only at one national level or everything only at EU level. This is the first piece of EU legislation in which regional cooperation along the pipelines has been enshrined and where Member States, before considering national politics, have to sit together and share openly information about where they are in a crisis situation. This should also now be the basis of our electricity legislation: on security of supply, on markets, I would even say in the future, on renewable developments. We should do more at regional level.

So I want to thank colleagues very much for this brilliant exercise of parliamentary pressure to get things done.