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Amendment 21

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the need for greater transparency in energy-related agreements, ***which could be achieved by strengthening the role of the Commission in energy-related negotiations*** involving one or more Member States and third countries, ***in particular by making it a requirement for the Commission to participate in all negotiations as an observer in order to strengthen the position of individual Member States vis-à-vis a third-country supplier involved in the negotiations, so as to mitigate the risks of abuse of a dominant position by one supplier; notes, furthermore, that the Commission should carry out ex-ante and ex-post assessments, while fully respecting commercially sensitive information, and draw up both a positive and a negative list of agreement clauses, such as export ban, destination and take-or-pay clauses, the oil indexation of gas pricing or clauses forbidding a third party making energy supplies conditional on being granted preferential access to energy transport infrastructure in the EU***; points out that, under Article 13(6)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 994/2010/EU, when concluding new intergovernmental agreements with third countries which have an impact on the development of gas infrastructure and gas supplies, Member States are required to

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21. Stresses the need for greater transparency in energy-related ***intergovernmental*** agreements involving one or more Member States and third countries; points out that, under Article 13(6)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 994/2010/EU, when concluding new intergovernmental agreements with third countries which have an impact on the development of gas infrastructure and gas supplies, Member States are required to inform the Commission, in order to enable it to assess the situation regarding security of supply at EU level;

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inform the Commission, in order to enable it to assess the situation regarding security of supply at EU level; ***calls on the Commission to include strong ex-ante assessment provisions on commercial gas supply contracts in the revision of the Security of Gas Supply Regulation;***

Or. en

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Amendment 22

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Paragraph 22

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Amendment

22. Stresses that the Commission shall be informed of all future intergovernmental energy agreements with non-EU parties in line with Decision 994/2012/EU establishing an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements between Member States and third countries in the field of energy *ahead of signing* in order to make sure that they comply with EU legislation, *in particular with the Third Energy Package*, and do not threaten EU security of energy supply; highlights that such discussion and consultation must *serve as a tool for strengthening the negotiating power of EU Member States and companies, while fully respecting* commercially sensitive information; considers that such discussion and consultation should not in any way prejudice the substance and content of agreements, *but ensure that they are compliant with all relevant Union law and in the best interests of the companies and Member States concerned; calls on the Commission to revise Decision 994/2012/EU so as to strengthen the information mechanism accordingly and boost the Commission's role;*

22. Stresses that the Commission shall be informed of all future intergovernmental energy agreements with non-EU parties in line with Decision 994/2012/EU establishing an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements between Member States and third countries in the field of energy in order to make sure that they comply with EU legislation and do not threaten EU security of energy supply; highlights that such discussion and consultation must fully *respect* commercially sensitive information; considers that such discussion and consultation should not in any way prejudice the substance and content of agreements;

Or. en

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Paragraph 25

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25. Calls on the **Commission** to develop concrete actions for reducing energy import dependency, to monitor the degree of diversification in imports and to publish regular progress reports in this respect;

Amendment

25. Calls on the **Member States** to develop concrete actions for reducing energy import dependency; **calls on the Commission** to monitor the degree of diversification in imports and to publish regular progress reports in this respect;

Or. en

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Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Believes that the Union can increase its energy security and reduce its dependency on particular suppliers and fuels by increasing energy efficiency, as well as making the best use of Europe's sources of energy, in line with *the EU's energy security, environmental, and climate goals as well as* health and safety legislation, taking into account Member States' specificities as regards their energy mixes and avoiding unnecessary regulatory burdens and respecting the principle of proportionality; stresses that no fuel or technology contributing to energy security and climate goals should be discriminated against as a matter of principle;

Amendment

28. Believes that the Union can increase its energy security and reduce its dependency on particular suppliers and fuels by increasing energy efficiency, as well as making the best use of Europe's sources of energy, in line with health and safety legislation, taking into account Member States' specificities as regards their energy mixes and avoiding unnecessary regulatory burdens and respecting the principle of proportionality; stresses that no fuel or technology contributing to energy security and climate goals should be discriminated against as a matter of principle; ***believes, in this context, that the Commission should investigate potential mismatches and mutual undercuttings between energy security plans and the ETS;***

Or. en

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Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Calls on the Commission to facilitate the effective use of all existing EU funding schemes, including the European Fund for Strategic Investments, so as to attract investment for key ***energy infrastructure projects***, research and innovation in energy efficiency, renewables and the development of Europe's internal capacities ***with a view to achieve the 2030 climate and energy objectives***, based on a cost-benefit approach which is technology-neutral and which prioritises the internalisation of external costs;

Amendment

29. Calls on the Commission to facilitate the effective use of all existing EU funding schemes, including the European Fund for Strategic Investments, so as to attract investment for key research and innovation in energy efficiency, renewables and the development of Europe's internal capacities, based on a cost-benefit approach which is technology-neutral and which prioritises the internalisation of external costs; ***is of the opinion that, in order to achieve this aim, the Commission should uphold the exemptions provided for in MiFID I, and calls on the Commission to refrain from labelling energy companies as financial companies as provided for in MiFID II;***

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Recalls that the energy markets distinguish themselves from the financial markets by the underlying physical assets, by which the systemic risk in the energy sector is eliminated; considers it necessary, in this regard, to implement financial regulation that also covers the energy sector in such a way that it does not distort the development of a well-functioning internal energy market;

Amendment

48. Recalls that the energy markets distinguish themselves from the financial markets by the underlying physical assets, by which the systemic risk in the energy sector is eliminated; considers it necessary, in this regard, to implement financial regulation that also covers the energy sector in such a way that it does not distort the development of a well-functioning internal energy market; ***highlights existing bidding zones that fulfil these criteria and urges the Commission not to split them up;***

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Calls on the Commission to allocate **increased** financial resources to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), and underlines that it should be **authorised to recruit additional staff in order to enable the** full and effective implementation of the monitoring of energy markets – to ensure integrity and transparency in energy trading and compliance with the Regulation on Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT) – as a precondition for the proper functioning of the EU internal energy market; notes that ACER’s competences should be **strengthened vis-à-vis the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENSTO-G) and other bodies with essential EU functions**, to ensure that **it can fulfil** its tasks specified in the relevant EU legislation **and believes that the Agency should engage with associations representing distribution system operators (DSOs), consumer organisations and other civil society groups**;

Amendment

52. Calls on the Commission to allocate **adequate** financial resources to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), and underlines that it should be **enabled to fulfil its task of** full and effective implementation of the monitoring of energy markets – to ensure integrity and transparency in energy trading and compliance with the Regulation on Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT) – as a precondition for the proper functioning of the EU internal energy market; notes that ACER’s competences should be **reviewed**, to ensure that its tasks specified in the relevant EU legislation **do not contradict direct benefits for producers and consumers or undermine functioning cross-border energy markets; is of the opinion, furthermore, that before acting upon an ACER opinion, the wider context and ramifications of such a decision should be taken into account, rather than analysing a potential problem solely within the narrow mandate of ACER**;

Or. en

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Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. ***Regrets*** that ENTSO-E and ENTSO-G are too dependent on the budget allocation from national TSOs, ***which threatens their ability to act as European players;***

Amendment

54. ***Notes*** that ENTSO-E and ENTSO-G are too dependent on the budget allocation from national TSOs;

Or. en

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Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Highlights that in order to strengthen our ***emergency energy solidarity and*** resistance to supply disruptions, both gas and electrical energy must be exportable at all times; notes, in this regard, that current systems of cross border transmission are often hampered by decisions of national transmission operators; ***calls, therefore, on ACER to put more emphasis on this issue in its annual market monitoring report;***

Amendment

56. Highlights that in order to strengthen our resistance to supply disruptions, both gas and electrical energy must be exportable at all times; notes, in this regard, that current systems of cross border transmission are often hampered by decisions of national transmission operators; ***is of the opinion, however, that certain decisions taken by ACER within its mandate hamper successful cross-border transmissions and cross-regional markets; believes, therefore, that ACER should keep the wider ramifications of its decisions in mind;***

Or. en

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Paragraph 60 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60a. Believes that countries that have achieved this target should not be artificially hampered in their efforts to give a best-practice example, such as the Austrian-German bidding zone;

Or. en