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**Third Parliamentary Dialogue European Union – Latin America
on Energy and Sustainable Development**

**“Energy Sector Reforms, Regulatory Challenges and Sustainable Development in
Europe and Latin America”**

Brussels, 20 – 22 September 2000

JOINT DECLARATION

Following discussions on the subject of “energy sector reforms, regulatory challenges and sustainable development” in Europe and Latin America, in particular on the subjects of:

- Liberalisation of energy markets, harmonisation of regulatory frameworks, consumer protection, social equity and competition; and
- Cooperation in the energy field between the European Union and Latin America;

The Members of the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Delegations of the countries of Latin America attending the Third Parliamentary Dialogue European Union – Latin America on Energy and Sustainable Development, held in Brussels from 20 to 22 September 2000

DECLARE:

1. Our firm commitment to the sustainable development of the energy sectors in Europe and Latin America. We consider that sustainable development means the simultaneous and systematic achievement of favourable results in the areas of growth, competitiveness, protection of the integral (natural, cultural and social) patrimony and social equity.

2. Our commitment to continue fostering the implementation of actions in favour of the achievement of the objectives proposed by the Rio Energy Forum of June 1999, held in June 1999 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, based on three areas of equal importance in a world of global competition calling for synergies among partners and solidarity among peoples:

- Sustainable economic development, investment challenges and business opportunities in the energy sector;
- Sustainable environmental protection through effective resource management of petroleum, natural gas, and electricity;
- Sustainable social development through provision of affordable energy services and sharing the benefits associated with energy investments.

3. Our acknowledgement of the important activities developed by the SYNERGY and ALURE programmes of the European Commission in Latin America, as well as the important co-operation schemes established between ECLAC and the European Commission.

4. Our conviction concerning the necessity to continue the energy policy dialogue between the European Union and Latin America, taking into consideration the main role of European investment in energy development in Latin America and the necessity to find common answers to the important economic, social and environmental challenges at the beginning of the 21st century.

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5. Our wish to continue and institutionalise the Dialogues between Members of the European Parliament and the Delegations of the countries participating in the Inter-Parliamentarian Conference for Mining and Energy for Latin America (CIME). We therefore convoke the Fourth Parliamentarian Dialogue Europe – Latin America on Energy and Sustainable Development in Santiago de Chile during the first semester of 2001 and we entrust its organisation to the Commissions of Mining and Energy of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of the Republic of Chile. Likewise we request the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to make the necessary arrangements in order to act as technical secretariat of these parliamentarian dialogues.

6. Our endorsement of the constitution of a “European – Latin American Forum for the Sustainable Development of the Energy Sector”, which would involve representatives of the executive and legislative powers as well as representatives of public and private enterprises and non-governmental bodies, based in the following objectives:

- To foster a constructive dialogue that draws upon the experiences of Latin America and Europe as a basis for the design and implementation of sustainable energy policies. This dialogue will strengthen co-operation and increase investment and trade flows;
- To promote a joint strategic perspective which is compatible with the sustainable development of the energy sectors in Europe and Latin America and with international commitments in favour of sustainable development;
- To identify and foster the introduction of best practices conducive to energy sustainability as European firms continue to establish an increasingly important presence in Latin America.

We acknowledge the important initiative of the European Commission and ECLAC to foster this Dialogue between European and Latin American parliamentarians and ask both institutions to continue and intensify the co-operation in the energy field between Europe and Latin America.

Brussels, 22 September 2000

The following Members of the European Parliament and the following Parliamentarian Delegations endorse this Brussels Declaration:

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