

**JOINT STATEMENT
OF THE GUAM PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
AND THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY**

The GUAM Parliamentary Assembly and the Baltic Assembly,

welcoming the Declaration on Cooperation between the Baltic Assembly and the GUAM Parliamentary Assembly, signed by the Chairman of the GUAM Parliamentary Assembly and the President of the Baltic Assembly in Vilnius, the Republic of Lithuania on 19 June 2009;

confirming that the foundation of such cooperation is promotion of democratic, socio-economic and cultural development of the GUAM and Baltic countries, contribution to resolution of the protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and provision of political support for regional cooperation;

willing to further develop cooperation between the GUAM and the Baltic regions in the spheres of mutual interest such as energy/energy security, conflict resolution in the GUAM area, climate change and environmental protection, social welfare, healthcare, culture, science and education, cross-border cooperation, trade and economy, infrastructure and communications, support and sharing of the experience on the issues of EU and NATO integration, and implementation of international policy;

underlining that protracted conflicts in the GUAM area constitute the main threat to regional and international peace, security and stability and a threat to democracy and economic development;

considering that the unstable character of supply of energy resources creates a threat to economic development of the region and difficulties for the population,

call on the international community to support the GUAM States in facilitating a peaceful resolution of the conflicts in the GUAM area based on norms and principles of international law, the fundamental ones being the principles of territorial integrity and inviolability of borders;

stress that the territory of a state may not be a subject of acquisition or military occupation resulting from the threat or use of force in breach of the relevant norms of international law. No territorial acquisitions and the resulting self-declared entities may be recognized as legal under any circumstances whatsoever;

support the European aspirations of the GUAM Member States and agree to have a regular exchange of experience on the issues of EU and NATO integration;

intend to coordinate the steps aimed at strengthening energy security through the use and development of pipeline networks and other transport infrastructure to increase export and transit of energy supplies, diversification of their supply and enhanced coordination of the development of alternative energy sources;

consider as unacceptable the use of energy supply and transit as a means of pressure on producer, transit and consumer countries, and urge all players of the energy market to develop transparent mutual relations on the basis of partnership, equality, and mutual benefit;

recommend to respective state institutions to present specific draft proposals to be implemented in the spheres of mutual interest within the GUAM – Baltic cooperation framework,

have agreed to coordinate the time and venue of the next round of consultations between the GUAM PA and the Baltic Assembly via diplomatic channels.

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