

Joint Declaration
between
the Ministry of Climate and Environment of the Republic of Poland
and
the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of the
Federal Republic of Germany

The Ministry of Climate and Environment of the Republic of Poland and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter “the Sides”) condemn Russia’s atrocious and despicable war of aggression against the people and sovereignty of Ukraine. The Sides take into consideration the dependency both of Poland and Germany on Russian crude oil imports via the Drushba Pipeline and emphasise the need to phase out imports of Russian crude oil and oil products as soon as possible. With the aim of preparing for this, the Sides wish to deepen their existing cooperation with the goal of ending imports of Russian crude oil without comprising the energy security of either country.

Poland and Germany are partners with interdependencies with regard to their energy supply. Both countries underline the importance of security and efficiency of energy infrastructure in Poland and Germany and encourage joint efforts by both governments as well as companies to further reinforce security and efficiency of supply.

The Sides recognise the interdependency of the Polish and eastern German oil markets both in relation to the oil products and jointly used crude oil infrastructure and take into account continued crude oil demand in Poland and Germany and the need to guarantee the secure operation of the Polish refineries in Gdańsk and Płock and the German refineries in Schwedt and Leuna.

The Sides intend to encourage the efforts of relevant companies to coordinate their supply within the legal limits in order to maximise the possible amount of crude oil delivered to Polish and German refineries, and wish to encourage bilateral investments in fossil fuel as well as in low and non-emission infrastructure and technologies as a step forward towards deepening Polish-German cooperation.

The Sides have thus come to the following understanding:

1. In order to ensure the security of supply of crude oil and oil products in Poland and in Germany, the Sides will pursue all efforts to urgently increase the capacity of the existing ports and pipeline infrastructure.
 - a. The German Side will implement measures that increase the capacity of the port of Rostock and the Rostock-Schwedt pipeline.
 - b. The Polish Side will implement measures that increase the capacity of the port of Gdańsk and the Pomeranian pipeline.

- c. At the same time, both Sides will encourage companies to conclude long-term agreements securing the usage of existing – where technically possible – as well as modernised and new infrastructure regarding the supply of crude oil via Gdańsk.
 2. It is in the joint interest of Poland and Germany to utilise the refineries in Gdańsk, Płock, Schwedt and Leuna with as high capacity factors as possible.
 - a. The Sides will support the Polish-German technical ad hoc working group aiming to improve security of supply, transparency and cooperation, and underline the importance the close and continuous cooperation of all relevant parties in Poland and Germany for the security of oil supply in both countries.
 - b. Due to the requirement for additional blending and storage capacities, the Sides will encourage cooperation between companies importing and storing crude oil, within the legal limits, in order to maximise deliveries to refineries in Poland and Germany.
 - c. The Sides will encourage measures for greater transparency and greater flexibility of oil infrastructure on both the Polish and German part to ensure the highest possible throughput to refineries, taking into account the technical capacities of the system and security of national emergency stocks system.
 3. A joint solution to meet the respective demands of both countries will be pursued and to this end:
 - a. The Sides will work together to set up a durable ownership structure for the PCK refinery in Schwedt. Both Sides take into account that no joint action should directly benefit the Russian government or companies under its control.
 - b. Both Sides will support companies in negotiations with oil-producing countries and companies taking into consideration the combined demand of the Polish and German refineries and the market needs for oil products.
 - c. The Sides will encourage companies to maintain the export balance of petroleum products from Germany to Poland. Therefore, without prejudice to the supplies to Polish refineries, both countries encourage Polish companies to strive to optimise as far as possible the port's operations in order to ensure an adequate volume of crude oil is delivered to eastern German refineries.
 - d. The Sides, within the legal limits, aim to continue to ensure the prioritisation of energy product transportation in the railway system and aim to facilitate the transit of such products destined for the other country (e.g. LPG, diesel oil).
 4. Both Sides will make all efforts to optimise their national crude oil logistics including the defining of measures to increase system efficiency.
 - a. The Sides will stand ready to implement oil emergency measures in accordance with the EU/IEA regulations and national emergency.
 - b. The Sides will encourage the use of technical measures and real-time data exchange to increase transparency with a view to the need for coordinating crude oil deliveries in the pipeline system in order to maximise the throughput.
 5. Both Sides will support each other at EU level as necessary to enable the implementation of this Joint Declaration and aim to deepen and speed up its implementation. Furthermore, they aim to work together on a transformation,

including working on renewable energy, low-emission hydrogen and sustainable fuels, in respect to the pathways and priorities set for the diversification of their respective domestic energy mix.

6. This Joint Declaration does not create rights and obligations under international law.

Signed in Berlin and Warsaw on December 1st 2022 in duplicate, in a virtual signing ceremony, in the English language.

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