

Resolution of the Lithuanian Parliament on integration into the EU (23 January 2001)

Caption: On 23 January 2001, the Lithuanian Parliament — the Seimas — adopts a resolution on the need to prepare the country for its accession to the European Union.

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania ,

based on the Statement of the Seimas of 26 November 1992, Resolution of the Seimas of 23 December 1993, Statement of the Seimas of 19 October 1995, Statement of the Seimas of 7 December 1995 “Concerning the Application of the Republic of Lithuania for Membership in the European Union,” Declaration of the Seimas of 28 November 1996 “Concerning Foreign Policy Objectives of the Republic of Lithuania,” Resolution of the Seimas of 6 November 1997 “Concerning the Priorities of Government Activity during Lithuania’s Integration into the European Union”, Resolution of the Seimas of 20 April 2000 “On the Course of Accession Negotiations of the Republic of Lithuania to the European Union,” Resolution of the Seimas of 26 October 2000 “On Continuity of the National Foreign Policy” as well as other legal acts,

realising the importance of actions performed in the course of this year, especially during the first half year, for the progress of accession negotiations to the EU,

approving the consensus that integration into the European Union creates preconditions for ensuring political, economic and social stability in Lithuania and improving the welfare of the people of Lithuania,

welcoming the objective of the Kingdom of Sweden, currently holding the Presidency of the EU Council, to open the remaining negotiation chapters with Lithuania and to step up the negotiations proper;

expresses resolve to seek by joint effort Lithuania’s accession to the EU with the first group of new members. The objective shall be sought by co-ordinating activities both in the parliament and in other areas of public life, also by involving the society at large in the deliberation of integration issues,

sets up in the Seimas a Constitutional Amendments Commission which must draw up the required amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania as well as submit without delay to the Seimas a draft of the Constitutional law providing for the sale of agricultural land to the national entities as well as foreign entities meeting the criteria of European and Transatlantic integration,

urges the Government of the Republic of Lithuania to step up without delay preparation for EU accession, whereas in the negotiations with the European Union to seek the most favourable conditions of accession possible for all of Lithuania, its economy and public, and during the transition periods - for more favourable conditions in social and economic sectors, in agricultural and rural development and more favourable terms relative to the issues of sale of agricultural land to foreign entities meeting the criteria of European and Transatlantic integration,

emphasises the necessity to adopt in the Seimas, by joint effort and without delay, decisions vital to attaining in 2001, and especially in the first half of the year, unquestionable progress in Lithuania’s preparation for accession to the EU so as to ensure that the negotiations are completed in 2002 and Lithuania is prepared to become an EU member state as of 1 January 2004, and

implementing the above-cited provisions, has resolved:

Article 1.

To give priority to adopting the following amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania and laws, necessary for the EU accession negotiations in the first half of 2001:

1) Constitutional Law on the Amendment to Article 47 of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, providing for the sale of agricultural land to the national entities and foreign entities meeting the European and Transatlantic integration criteria, alongside with the Constitutional Law establishing the conditions, criteria and procedure of acquisition of agricultural land by and its sale to the above-specified foreign

entities;

- 2) Law on the Restructuring of Enterprises;
- 3) Law on Enterprise Bankruptcy;
- 4) Law on the Amendment to the Law on the Bank of Lithuania;
- 5) Law on Excise Duties;
- 6) Law on Value Added Tax.

Article 2.

During the first half of 2001, to speed up the passing of the following laws of great significance for the progress of these negotiations:

- 1) Law on the Amendment to the Law on Pharmaceutical Activities;
- 2) Law on the Amendment to the Law on the Guarantee Fund;
- 3) Law on the Amendment to the Law on the Legal Status of Aliens;
- 4) Law on the Insurance Payments to Investors;
- 5) Law on the Ratification of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with Regard to the Automatic Processing of Personal Data;
- 6) Law on Deposit Insurance;
- 7) Law on Public Trading in Securities;
- 8) Law on the to the Law on Insurance;
- 9) Law on the Register of Enterprises;
- 10) Law on Compulsory Motor Vehicle Owners and Drivers Civil Liability Insurance;
- 11) Law on Accounting;
- 12) Law on Consolidated Annual Accounts;
- 13) Law on the Protection of Plant Species;
- 14) Labour Code;
- 15) Law on the Ratification of the European Social Charter (revised);
- 16) Law on the Amendment and Supplement to the Postal Law;
- 17) Law on Potable Water;
- 18) Law on the Amendment to the Law on the Pollution Tax;
- 19) Law on Packaging and Packaging Waste Handling;

- 20) Law on the Amendment to the Law on Environmental Monitoring;
- 21) Law on the Amendment to the Law on Protected Territories;
- 22) Law on the Amendment to the Law on Wildlife;
- 23) Law on the Ratification of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES);
- 24) Law on the Amendment to the Law on Product Protection.

Article 3.

The Resolution shall come into force from the day of passing.

**DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SEIMAS
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