

**Unofficial translation**Report by the Energy, Utilities and Climate Committee on April 4th 2019**Report**

on

Proposal for Resolution on Stop for Support for Nuclear Power

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1. Political remarks*The Committee*

The Committee calls on the Government to give priority to the following in the negotiations after having received the European Commission's proposal for reform of the Euratom Treaty:

– That the text of the Treaty and Euratom's activities in regard to fission energy focus on safety for the existing nuclear power plants in Europe and decommissioning of old and run-down nuclear power plants.

– That research programmes focus on activities of value to Denmark, including research in the health services and to other civilian ends. At the same time, Euratom's research budget should be integrated into the budgets for other energy technologies in EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

– Further investigations into how the European Parliament can be involved in Euratom issues.

At the same time, the Committee takes note of the fact that EU cannot unilaterally withdraw from the agreement on the research project ITER. Finally, the Committee notes that the government's main priority in the negotiations on EU's next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) is to obtain a total budget level equal to 1.00 percent of EU's GNI. That implies considerable reductions in the costs levels proposed by the Commission. Thus, the Committee is open to a reduction of Euratom's budget and that the government's overriding negotiation position in regard to the MFF is reflected in the negotiations on Euratom.

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A minority in the Committee goes along with the remarks of the Committee, but has the following additional remarks:

On the basis of the answer to question 2, the minority

takes note of the fact that EU committed itself to support decommissioning and shutting down of nuclear power plants, when Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia were admitted into the EU. Hence, it is important that EU funds are reserved for decommissioning of nuclear power plants.

The minority would have liked to see that the Government had tried to reduce the total costs of the Euratom programmes under EU's budget, which were 1.5 billion euro, of which the Danish share was 27 million euro in 2017, cf. EEU general section – answer to question 62. Unfortunately, the majority position in the Committee was not to spend the additional funds solely on decommissioning of the existing nuclear power plants.

Furthermore, the minority wanted to make the Government cooperate with EU Member States intent on reforming or abolishing the Euratom Treaty. However, the majority did not want that in the report either.

At the time of the presentation of the report, Inuit Ataqatigiit, Nunatta Qitornai, Tjóðveldi and Javnaðarflokkurinn had no representatives in the Committee and consequently no opportunity to deliver political remarks to the report.

2. Procedure

The resolution proposal was put forward on November 30th 2018 and had its first reading on January 24th 2019. It was then referred to the Energy, Utilities and Climate Committee.

Overview of the procedure and documents

The resolution proposal and the documents can be found on the Parliament's homepage www.ft.dk.

The Committee has processed the resolution proposal in 4 meetings.

Annexes

5 annexes have been distributed during the process.

Questions

The Committee has asked 17 questions to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Energy, Utilities and Climate, the Minister for Higher Education and Science and the Minister for Industry, Business and Financial Affairs respectively, and received written answers from them all.

On behalf of the
Committee.

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Chairman