

**RECOGNITION AND PROMOTION OF DOWNSTREAM LONG-TERM CONTRACTS  
IN THE AREA OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE PLENARY VOTE  
ON THE ELECTRICITY AND GAS DIRECTIVES  
(Reports of Mrs Morgan and Mr La Russa)**

**Only for the draft Directive on the internal market for gas (COM 2007-529)<sup>1</sup>:**

Article 24c – paragraph 1 – point (i b) (new)

*Amendment*

*"(ib) recognising contractual freedom with regards to long-term contracts and the possibility to conclude asset-based contracts providing that such contracts are compatible with existing Community legislation;"*

**For both the draft Directive on the gas market and the draft Directive on the electricity market (COM 2007-528):**

Article 22c – paragraph 1 – point (i c) (new) – Electricity directive

Article 24c – paragraph 1 – point (i c) (new) – Gas directive

*Amendment*

*" (i c) promoting, having full regard to the Treaty, agreements on a long-term basis between energy consumers and suppliers that contribute to improvement of the energy production and distribution while at the same time allow consumers to share resulting benefits, provided that these agreements can contribute to an optimal level of investments in the energy sector."*

Recital 11 b (new) – Electricity and gas directives

*Amendment*

*"Having full regard to the Treaty, energy consumers and suppliers may conclude agreements on a long-term basis that contribute to improvement of the energy production and distribution while at the same time allow consumers to share resulting benefits, provided that these agreements can contribute to an optimal level of investments in the energy sector."*

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<sup>1</sup> This amendment was already adopted by ITRE committee for the electricity directive.