

1 **EFGP 3rd Congress, Berlin – Draft Resolution**

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5 6 7 **Introduction of a third European energy agreement, the Charter on Renewable Energy Sources (EURENEW).**

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10 The European Green Parties are called upon to work for the introduction of a European agreement on
11 renewable energy sources, EURENEW.

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13 Grounds:

14 Renewable energy sources are still at a disadvantage compared to nuclear power and fossil fuels,
15 both in competition and as far as funding for research is concerned.

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17 By contrast, on account of the EURATOM treaty, which is of unlimited term, electricity generation from
18 nuclear reactors is removed from any scrutiny under competition law. As a result, there continue to be
19 major distortions of competition in favour of nuclear power. Furthermore, the resources spent on
20 research into nuclear fusion and fission under the EU's programmes of support for research are much
21 higher than those allocated to research projects into renewable energy sources or energy efficient
22 technologies, as is again the case in the current 6th Framework Research Programme.

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24 The privileges for coal use will end with the imminent expiry of the Coal and Steel Treaty in the next
25 few years. However, it still leads to a great deal of support being provided for research into coal.

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27 The introduction of the Charter on Renewable Energy Sources is necessary because many state
28 mechanisms designed to assist the market introduction of renewable energies in the member states
29 have been obstructed or even prohibited by competition commissions in the past.

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31 In order to avoid a repetition of the mistakes made with the EURATOM treaty, the EURENEW budget
32 should be placed under the democratic control of the European Parliament. It also appears expedient
33 for it to be valid for a limited period of 40 years.

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35 The European Parliament has already expressed its support for EURENEW. All the European Green
36 Parties should work for EURENEW with the aim of accelerating the market introduction of renewable
37 energies.