

Joint Declaration

of

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NSZZ “Solidarity” JSW S.A.

Federation of Trade Unions of Miners JSW S.A.

Trade Union “KADRA” of Employees of JSW S.A.

The Independent Self-governing Trade Union for Individual Farmers SOLIDARNOŚĆ

and

The Heartland Institute

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With great concern, we observe the ongoing work to create legislation that, under the pretense of limiting hate speech, aims to exclude freedom of expression regarding climate policy. The official interpretation presented by the IPCC is intended to become the only valid interpretation, reminiscent of the scenarios described by Orwell. In our view, the global energy mix is not determined by policy, but by the availability of resources, technology, and the wealth of societies that strive to ensure a safe present and a sustainable future for themselves and future generations.

ZOK JSW SA and The Independent Self-governing Trade Union for Individual Farmers SOLIDARNOŚĆ emphasizes that the introduction of the regulation colloquially known as the methane regulation took place under conditions that violated the norms of the EU Treaty and was based on documents that do not reflect the actual situation. Furthermore, it should be noted that the issue of methane concerns only Poland, and therefore, the legislation of this regulation can be seen as a huge discrimination against one member state by the others, reminiscent of procedures from times the world would like to forget as soon as possible.

38 We strongly oppose actions aimed at completely eliminating coal from the global energy
39 portfolio in light of the ongoing war in Ukraine, other conflicts, and the approaching winter.
40 Further increasing the share of renewable energy sources in the energy mix will not improve
41 energy security; it will only increase the risk of energy supply disruptions and rising energy
42 prices.

43 We believe that the energy transition means a dynamic process of technological development,
44 including energy generation and innovation based on rational management of natural resources
45 and adherence to environmental protection principles, rather than merely the phasing out of
46 coal. The depletion of coal resources is a natural factor that drives the development of new
47 energy generation technologies based on alternative energy carriers. The decision to exclude
48 coal, including coking coal, can only be made if there are alternative, commercialized energy
49 generation technologies available on the market. Such a decision must not lead to a situation
50 where energy is lacking in the balance.

51 Parties to the Declaration commit to the exchange of information and cooperation regarding the
52 impact of human activity on methane emissions and the effect of methane on climate warming.
53 These activities will also include collaboration and mutual assistance in the legislative process
54 of EU law, with particular emphasis on defining the conditions under which methane will be
55 included in the methane regulation after the derogation period expires. This cooperation will
56 also cover technological aspects, including low-emission technologies used in coking and the
57 utilization of syngas for producing components for the chemical industry and agriculture.

58 Parties declare their participation in future scientific conferences and seminars organized by
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