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Moratorium on fracking across Europe

Motion for a resolution

tabled by Mr Geraint DAVIES and other members of the Assembly

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

The Parliamentary Assembly notes that only one fifth of the world's proven fossil fuel reserves (excluding shale gas) can be burnt if dangerous climate change is to be avoided and that fracking (unconventional shale gas extraction) has already contributed to falling oil prices and increasing emissions.

Fracking pumps water underground together with hundreds of chemicals creating a cocktail of toxic, carcinogenic and radioactive contents that can pollute water supplies beneath the ground, through leaked pipes, dumping and inadequate treatment. In addition, air pollution from fracking includes volatile organic compounds, carcinogens and chemicals causing respiratory irritation and endocrine disruption as well as methane and carbon dioxide which cause global warming. Fracking also creates traffic, spillages and noise which damage local environments.

Europe has previously taken leadership in controlling global carbon emissions and there is already a moratorium or ban on fracking in the Netherlands, Germany and France as well as Quebec and New York State. Therefore, the Assembly should call for a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) across Europe.

Signed (see overleaf)



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