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## **FORATOM welcomes European Parliament's adoption of Reul Report**

**Brussels, 25 October 2007: FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, has welcomed the European Parliament's (EP) adoption yesterday of the Reul Report entitled *Conventional Energy Sources and Energy Technology*. The report, which was proposed by MEP Herbert Reul (EPP-ED, Germany) includes a section dedicated to nuclear energy that is based upon an EC Communication on the PINC. It was adopted with a majority of 509 votes *for* and 153 *against*, with most of the anti-nuclear amendments having been rejected.**

The EP's adoption yesterday of the Reul Report by an overwhelming majority is highly significant because it constitutes the first time that the EP has explicitly endorsed nuclear energy's role as "the largest low-carbon energy source in Europe" and a key component in Europe's future energy mix. Herbert Reul summed up how nuclear energy, thanks to its central role in ensuring security of supply and fighting climate change, is now at the centre of the energy debate: "There should be no taboo subjects in the energy debate because taboos are destructive....we have clearly shown how environmental protection and security of supply must be the major components of EU energy policy."

FORATOM believes that the adoption of the Report shows that there is growing political consensus that nuclear energy "is indispensable if Europe's medium and long-term energy needs are to be met." It supports the Report's view that nuclear energy plays a key role in ensuring security of energy supply and in combating climate change. Commenting on the adoption of the report FORATOM's Director General, Santiago San Antonio said: "We congratulate the European Parliament on the result of this historic vote and welcome the fact that the security of supply and low-carbon credentials of nuclear energy have been recognised in such a conclusive way." The result of the vote will strengthen nuclear energy's position as a vital component of the energy mix and hopefully help the European Nuclear Energy Forum (ENEF) to put together its roadmap for the future of nuclear energy. It should also provide a boost for Europe's nuclear research programme.

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