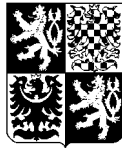


THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SENATE



7th term

58th RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 2nd session held on 12 December 2008

on Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 2006/116/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the term of protection of copyright and related rights

(Senate Press no. N 126/06)

The Senate

I.

1. **Supports** the general aim of this proposal which is the support of performing artists;
2. **Does not consider** the proposal to be a conceptual solution of current problems, as it will not eventually lead to the improvement of the situation of performing artists;

II.

1. **Does not find meaningful** the extension of the term of protection of musical recordings to 95 years as proposed with view of the fact that most of the performing artists receive only marginal share of the money generated by their works;
2. **Believes** that the situation of performing artists could be improved, rather than by the extension of the period of protection of their works considerably beyond mean life expectancy, by different content of the contracts concluded with the recording companies;
3. **Considers** the proposal discriminatory as only sound recordings are to be protected and audiovision is not;
4. **Finds** the impact assessment presented by the Commission to be insufficiently objective and tributary to the purpose of the proposal.

III.

1. **Requests** the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with information on further proceeding of negotiations;
2. **Authorises** the President of the Senate to forward this resolution to the European Commission.

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