THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SENATE



7th term

119th RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 5th session held on 26 March 2009

Green paper on Consumer Collective Redress

(Senate Press no. K 022/07)

The Senate

I.

- 1. **Is aware** that consumer collective redress mechanisms can significantly accelerate resolution of consumer disputes and make them more effective;
- 2. **Acknowledges** that the difficulties related to cross-border enforcement of consumer claims result in lower confidence of consumers as far as cross-border commercial transactions are concerned and so it generally supports the possibility of cross-border collective redress;

II.

- 1. **Is of the opinion** that in the area of consumer redress on Community level, non-binding instruments (recommendations) should be adopted which would take into account as much as possible the characteristics of national legal systems;
- 2. **Expresses** under those conditions its support to the following measures proposed in the Green Paper:
 - Creation of mechanisms of collective alternative dispute resolution;
 - Promotion of self-regulation measures;
 - Support of exchange of best practices of those Member States where Consumer Collective Redress is regulated;
 - Enhancing consumer awareness of existing redress possibilities;
 - Thorough evaluation of application of existing rules;

III.

1. **Requests** the Government to inform the Senate about

- the final answers which, after taking in account positions of the stakeholders, the Government shall forward on behalf of the Czech Republic to the Commission;
- follow-up initiatives of the European Commission;
- 2. **Authorises** the President of the Senate to forward this resolution to the European Commission.

Přemysl Sobotka sign manual President of the Senate

> Pavel Trpák sign manual Senate Verifier