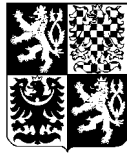


THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SENATE



7th term

43rd RESOLUTION

OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 2nd session held on 11 December 2008

on Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions:
A renewed commitment to social Europe: Reinforcing the Open Method of Coordination for Social Protection and Social Inclusion

(Senate Press no. K 120/06)

The Senate

I.

Acknowledges the open method of coordination as a basically voluntary process of mutual exchange of information and good practice with focus on the intergovernmental level of cooperation;

II.

1. **Expresses its regret** as regards the persisting low level of transparency and lack of democratic control, and in particular as regards the marginal role of national parliaments, in the process of open method of coordination;
2. **Calls for debate** on both national and European level
 - on possibilities for a more intensive involvement of national parliaments in the process;
 - on revision of open method of coordination aimed at increasing of transparency, openness and involvement of all stakeholders;
3. **Supports** the position of the Government, however it regrets that there is no reference to the lack of democratic legitimacy of the method concerned;

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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