THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SENATE



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157nd RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 6th session held on 6 May 2009

on Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Towards a comprehensive climate change agreement in Copenhagen (Senate Press no. K 038/07)

The Senate

I.

- 1. **Considers** thorough preparation of the EU common position for the climate change conference in the Copenhagen to be the this year's goal of the EU policy;
- 2. **Perceives** the importance the Presidency of the EU plays during the preparation of the conference;

II.

- 1. **Appeals** to the Government to continue active and constrictive participation in the preparation of the EU position ahead of this important event;
- 2. **Expresses** satisfaction with the fact that the Czech Republic fulfils its commitments in the framework of the Kyoto Protocol;
- 3. **Welcomes** the effort of the Commission to maintain the EU's world leading role in tackling climate change;
- 4. **Considers** the prompt solution of the financial questions concerning the contribution of the EU and distribution of costs between the Member States as a crucial condition for the timely fine-tuning of the EU's common position;
- 5. **Regrets** that the Commission Communication is not more concrete as concerns the financing;
- 6. **Calls upon** the relevant formations of the Council of the EU to resolve the financial issues so that the position of the EU can be finalized;

- 7. **Expresses concern** that the provision of financial resources for tackling climate change to the developing countries might decrease the volume of development aid provided by the Member States;
- 8. **Urges** the Commission to thoroughly distinguish between funding for developing countries provided in the framework of development aid and funding provided to developing countries for tackling climate change;
- 9. **Calls** on the Commission to consistently monitor and annually evaluate the fulfilment of commitments to be accepted by individual Member States and the EU as a whole on the Copenhagen conference;

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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