THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SENATE



7th term

337th RESOLUTION

OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 13th session held on 5 November 2009

Report from the Commission

Annual Report 2008 on relations between the European Commission and national parliaments

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The Senate

I.

1. Follows

with great interest the activities of the European Commission aimed at strengthening of the relations with national parliaments and takes part actively in particular in the direct dialogue with the Commission within the frame of the so called Barroso initiative;

2. Is aware

of the fact that after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, national parliaments will be provided with new powers enabling them more structured participation in the European decision-making process and it adopts a responsible approach towards setting necessary mechanisms to discharge those rights;

3. Hopes

that in the new term of office, the Commission will examine the compliance of the EU legislative proposals with the principle of subsidiarity, as well as refine the content aspect of its reactions to the opinions of the national parliaments;

II.

1. Recalls

the Contribution of the XL COSAC in Paris requesting the Commission to adopt a consultation paper preceding the publication of proposals on activities of Europol and Eurojust, regarding the fact that the national parliaments, together with the European Parliament, will assume a new role of control over those bodies;

2. Regards it appropriate

that the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) makes up a coordination platform for performing the subsidiarity tests also after entering into force of the Treaty of Lisbon;

3. Points out

that for the effective functioning of the system of inter-parliamentary exchange of information, IPEX, it is necessary that the data on the state of scrutiny of the European documents are downloaded by the national parliaments without delay and in translation to one of the EU working languages;

4. Received with regret

a very brief reaction from the Commission to the Senate's resolution on Annual Report 2007 on relations between the European Commission and national parliaments (COM(2008) 237), which included concrete suggestions which remained without response of the Commission;

III.

Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this resolution to the European Commission.

Přemysl Sobotka sign manual President of the Senate

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