THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC SENATE



7th term

415th RESOLUTION

OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 15th session held on 18 March 2010

on Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

Action Plan on Urban Mobility

(Senate Press no. K 078/07)

The Senate

I.

1. Got acquainted

with the Action Plan on Urban Mobility and deems it to be a basis for discussion about current issues of urban transport and about proposals of solutions to economic, social and environmental problems related to traffic overload such as increasing congestion, noise, high risk of traffic accidents and high level of air pollution;

2. Emphasises

- that issues of urban transport come according to the CR constitutional order under the competences of the local governments;
- that the Government can intervene into the competences of the local governments only indirectly and to a limited extent;

II. 1. Is of the opinion

- that issues of urban transport is a typical domain of application of the principle of subsidiarity for the solutions to these questions are best to be found and enforced at the level of towns and municipalities where the problems arise;
- that the role of the European Commission in the domain of urban mobility should consist in support and promotion of non-legislative instruments based on a voluntary approach, not in drafting legal regulations which could meet with impediments in the course of the implementation process;

- that the involvement of the European Commission in finding solutions to urban mobility problems should primarily originate from incentives of the local governments;

2. Expresses support

to the following non-legislative initiatives mentioned in the Action Plan with proven added value of the solutions on the European level:

- creation and development of platforms for discussion, exchange of best practice, thematic instructional seminars for the representatives of local governments;
- research and development projects for lower and zero emission vehicles;
- improvement of the exchange of information about the urban transport in different European towns and cities;

3. Expresses support

to the position of the Government;

III. 1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way it took the Senate's view into account and about subsequent actions;

2. Authorizes

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

Přemysl Sobotka sign manual President of the Senate

> Václav Koukal sign manual Senate Verifier