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on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Energy 2020 A strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy

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The Senate

I.

A c k n o w l e d g e s

in general the importance of the new EU energy strategy given the necessity to create a stable policy framework that is crucial for successful realization of investment projects in the field of energy that are typically characterized by a long payback period and huge initial investment, but it does not consider its 10-year horizon sufficient;

II.

1. W a r n s

against the risk of the EU's commitments in the area of reducing greenhouse gas emissions that, if carried out unilaterally without corresponding commitments made by other global economies, will result in lower competitiveness of the European industry, and points out in this context the fact that the EU accounts for only a small share of global emissions;

2. D e e m s

that investment into energy infrastructure must take priority over investment into sources of energy generation;

3. C o n s i d e r s

research, development and innovation to be absolutely essential for the future of the EU, and therefore believes that public funds, be they national or European, should be channelled into this area;

4. S u p p o r t s

a speedy and full implementation of the third liberalization energy package as it thinks that creating a truly open single market with energy in the EU, which would be supplemented by adequate interconnections with key neighbours from the point of view of transit of energy resources, will contribute to lower prices of energy, which is one of the prerequisites for competitiveness of European companies;

5. L a c k s

in the strategy a broader and more direct support for nuclear energy as a significant source of clean energy;

6. B e l i e v e s

that the issue of external dimension of energy security should have been elaborated on with more detail and prominence given the high dependency of the EU on imports of fuels, as well as with regard to the fact that energy markets are becoming ever tighter on the grounds of dynamic increase in demand for energy coming from countries like China, India or Brazil;

III.

1. R e c o m m e n d s

to the Government to pay closer attention to the follow-up in the European energy area so that the Czech Republic can be ready to take advantage of the possibilities that arise for the development of the Czech economy in this area;

2. R e q u e s t s

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and about further initiatives following this strategy;

3. A u t h o r i s e s

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

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