



PARLIAMENT  
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
Chamber of Deputies  
*Jan Bauer*  
Chairman  
Committee for European Affairs

Prague, 31<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic on the Proposal for Impact Assessment accompanying the document Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy efficiency and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC /Council No. 12046/11, COM(2011) 370/.

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies a Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade was present at the session to introduce the preliminary government's framework position.

After the hearing of the rapporteur's review and after the discussion the Committee has adopted the resolution No. 176 which is enclosed to this letter. According to this resolution the Committee i. a. notes that implementation of this proposal can be very costly with a lot of administrative effort. Given the current economic situation, the realization can be difficult for a number of member states.

Enclosure

**Mr. José Manuel Barroso**  
President of the European Commission

**Brussels**

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Resolution No. 176

24<sup>th</sup> session on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**Commission Staff Working Paper - Impact Assessment accompanying the document Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy efficiency and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC /Council No. 12046/11, COM(2011) 370/**

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**Enclosure of the Resolution:**

Committee for European Affairs

1. considers energy efficiency as an effective and appropriate means of enhancing energy security and competitiveness of the economy;
2. notes that implementation of this proposal can be very costly with a lot of administrative effort. Given the current economic situation, the realization can be difficult for a number of member states;
3. believes that despite the obvious benefits of energy policy against climate change and reducing addiction of the EU economy on resources, the proposed measures to increase energy efficiency need to be assessed case by case;
4. does not find very convincing the justification of the Commission's adoption of the proposed measure, which notes that it is already in 2011 clear that the targets set in 2007 for the period till 2020 will not be met without adoption of a series measures;
5. welcomes the changes in the draft directive in the second revised version from 8 December 2011 prepared by the Polish Presidency;
6. supports the framework position of the government to the current proposal;
7. asks the Government to inform the Committee about the further course of discussion of the proposed directive