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THE SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
8<sup>TH</sup> TERM

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**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

delivered on the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011

**on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy efficiency and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC  
(Senate Press no. N 069/08)**

The Senate

**I.**

**1. Regards**

the issue of energy efficiency as an essential part of energy policy because it presents a cost-efficient way of increasing energy security and has a positive impact on the economic growth;

**2. Recalls**

that it has been actively involved in the debate on energy efficiency, the last scrutinized document being the Communication from the Commission titled Energy Efficiency Plan 2011, on which Resolution No. 266 of 20 July 2011 was adopted;

**II.**

**1. Supports**

the views presented in the above mentioned Resolution and, in so doing, primarily emphasises its negative position toward

- adoption of a binding legal instrument, under which public authorities would be required to refurbish at least 3 % of their buildings (measured by floor area) each year;
- adoption of a binding provision enabling cost-sharing between the owners and tenants as far as the costs related to the improvement of energy performance of rented property are concerned;
- binding conditionality that is to be created between electric energy generation and heat generation;

**2. Is still convinced**

that binding quantified targets are not necessary even after 2013, and recommends to leave the policy design and the level of commitment in the hands of the Member States, because setting own country-specific procedures at the national level will be more appropriate to the challenges that each country is facing;

**3. Draws attention**

to the risk of increased administrative burden and costs related to the implementation of the proposed measures for administrative authorities, energy companies as well as for end customers;

**4. Would welcome**

a non-mandatory regime of energy audits for private companies regardless of their size; the mere awareness of potential savings should constitute a sufficient incentive for energy savings without the need for state intervention;

**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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sign manual  
President of the Senate

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sign manual  
Senate Verifier