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**THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 14th session held on 14 December 2011

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

- Security of energy supply and international cooperation - "The EU Energy Policy: Engaging with partners beyond our borders"**

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The Senate

I.

- 1. Is aware of** the Commission's efforts towards greater coordination in the process of negotiation of the bilateral energy agreements between the Member States and third countries;
- 2. Believes, however,** that this is an area that largely falls within the competence of the Member States and is part of their strategic plans, and therefore considers the sensitive and detailed elaboration of the principles under which the Commission will participate in these negotiations to be of key importance;

II.

- 1. Emphasizes** that much of the information contained in these agreements is of internal nature, thus their publication might be contrary to the interests of the contracting parties, including representatives of the private sector who in many cases participate in respective negotiations;
- 2. Points out** also to the fact that the Commission had not presented an impact assessment; in addition, the positions of concerned private sector stakeholders and third

countries as regards modification of conditions of negotiating agreements are not available;

3. Is not convinced

that the proposed comprehensive approach to energy relations with third countries is a guarantee of sharing democratic values or a tool for improving the situation in the human rights area in the partner countries;

III.

1. Requests

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

2. Authorises

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

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President of the Senate

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