



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

Delivered on the 5<sup>th</sup> session held on 13 March 2013

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

**- Renewable Energy: a major player in the European energy market**

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**The Senate**

**I.**

- 1. Supports** the Commission's intention to prepare guidance on best practices and experience gained in promoting renewable energy sources; however, it points out that these guidelines should be non-binding to preserve the exclusive right of Member States to determine their energy mix;
- 2. Is of the opinion** that the production of energy from renewable sources should not be favoured over other sources, especially if related investments and subsidies were too high, having regard to the fact that subsidized installations cannot run effectively in a market-based and competitive environment, and in the long term such a model would cause more harm than good;

**II.**

- 1. Perceives** the promotion of renewable energy sources in the form of subsidies as inefficient, leading to market distortions;
- 2. Expresses its concern** that a compulsory single support scheme for renewable sources would bring about substantial additional financial and administrative burden; as opposed to that scheme, the Senate believes that Member States should retain the flexibility to respond to new situations as they unfold, and should be able to take into account their specific climatic and geographic conditions affecting total output and actual power consumption and

specific economic conditions affecting the development of renewable energy sources;

- 3. Prefers**, for example, the introduction of an energy tax, which it considers to be motivating and more adequate, while the competence to levy such a tax must remain fully in the hands of Member States;
- 4. Reminds** questionable benefits of biofuels and energy crops production which often limits the use of land for food production;
- 5. Opposes** setting a binding target for share of energy produced from renewable sources, as this could further undermine the competitiveness of the EU compared to other global economies;
- 6. Recommends** keeping the extent of use of renewable sources and the level of commitment in their application up to the Member States because setting own procedures at the national level will be (especially with regard to the current debt crisis) more adequate to circumstances of individual Member States;

### **III.**

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

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