



**THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
9TH TERM**

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 4th session held on 31st January 2013

**on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain
public and private projects on the environment**

(Senate Press no. N 200/08)

The Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

I.

1. States

that in spite of partial objections to its implementation, the Directive on the environmental impact assessment of certain public and private projects (hereinafter referred to as "EIA Directive") remains, above all from the perspective of the public, an effective instrument for expressing comments to planned projects which may have important effects on the surrounding environment;

II.

1. Is of the opinion

- that during further negotiations, it will be necessary to define more precisely some of the proposed terms, which was also one of the main reasons for carrying out the current review, in order to prevent their different interpretation; otherwise the proposal would not fulfil one of its main objectives consisting in simplifying the EIA legislative framework;
- that the proposal does not meet the announced objective especially as regards the directive's potential to simplify the assessment procedure and enable its smart regulation;

2. Is concerned

that a possible introduction of a so called " EIA one-stop shop" within each Member State does not necessarily have to result in a reduction of the administrative burden, but it may, on the contrary, cause its increase, and for this reason the Senate recommends leaving this option up to the Member States;

3. Does not support

the introduction of an option to extend the current three-month deadline, during which the competent authority assesses the request for development consent, by further three months;

III.

1. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch
sign manual
President of the Senate

Hassan Mezian
sign manual
Senate Verifier