



THE SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 12<sup>th</sup> session held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 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**

**The 2015 International Climate Change Agreement: Shaping international climate policy beyond 2020 Consultative Communication /Senate Press no. K 060/09/**

**The Senate**

**I.**

**1. Is of the opinion**

that the balance of economic, social and environmental sectors is a necessary condition to achieve sustainable development and, therefore, it is essential to ensure the observance of this basic principle when drafting a new Climate Change Agreement;

**2. Points out**

that the commitments by the EU member states in the fight against climate change are not being met with appropriate support from other global players during negotiations on a new agreement;

**II.**

**1. Notes**

that the European Union stands largely alone in its effort to set binding global limits on greenhouse gas emissions, which can be a consequence of insisting on unrealistic goals, adding that a new international agreement of this sort and significance cannot be adopted without the participation of other global producers of greenhouse gas emissions;

**2. Recalls**

that the Senate has repeatedly pointed out how harmful it is to unilaterally adopt unrealistic targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, for the last time for example in Resolution No. 175 of 25 April 2013 on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council The state of the European carbon market in 2012;

**3. Considers it necessary,**

prior to adopting any new commitments for Member States, that specific problematic issues related to the topic of climate change, such as energy market destabilization through non-systematic support for renewable sources of energy, rising energy prices for consumers threatening, as a consequence, the competitiveness of the EU, should be tackled first;

**4. Highlights**

that the questions presented by the Commission should have been answered at previous summits dealing with the climate change issues, a number of which took place in the past (Kyoto, Copenhagen, Cancun, Durban, Doha); however, they have failed to produce the desired results;

**III.**

**1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate about further initiatives following this Communication;

**2. Authorises**

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

Milan Štěch  
sign manual  
President of the Senate

Tomáš Grulich  
sign manual  
Senate Verifier