



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

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The Senate

I.

1. Supports

generally those Commission initiatives that enhance a safe, swift and efficient air traffic flow over Europe, which will not be a burden on the environment, which will contribute to the free movement of persons and which will allow a better use of all the benefits of the EU single market;

2. Recalls

in this context the long-term position of the Senate, as expressed for example in its Resolution No. 365 of 13th October 2011 on the White Paper: Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area, when the Senate recommended to harmonize medium- and long-term goals of transport policy, so that EU's competitiveness is not threatened, while establishing a long-term vision of development in the field of mobility;

3. Notes

that the responsibility for air traffic management belongs, in terms of international law, to the Member States, and therefore cannot be unreasonably transferred to central European institutions;

II.

1. Deems

that the proposed reform of air traffic management over Europe is premature, because the European Commission failed to adequately demonstrate the need to revise the current legislation, whose evaluation period expires in 2014;

2. Points outs

that the proposals were not sufficiently consulted with the social partners who express substantial and legitimate reservations, while such a consultation is, according to the EU treaties, one of the prerequisites for new legislative proposals;

3. Warns

against raising the administrative burden for national regulatory authorities and against the establishment of new unjustified institutions that will further hinder efficient airspace operation over Europe and may also raise the price of air transport;

4. Does not agree

with the proposed scope and extent of delegated acts which significantly exceed the mandate given in Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, because they change even the essential elements of legislation, and therefore these provisions should be adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure and directly become a part of the legislative proposals;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with further information on the proceeding of negotiations;

2. Authorises

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

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