



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

Delivered on the 7<sup>th</sup> session held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank  
Making the best use of the Flexibility within the existing rules of the Stability and Growth Pact**

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**The Senate**

**I.**

**Supports**

the Commission's efforts to clarify the existing rules of the Stability and Growth Pact regarding the possible use of flexibility, and the clear intention of the Commission to encourage new investments in the EU, which is inter alia reflected in the decision not to regard voluntary contributions from the Member States to the European Fund for Strategic Investments as detrimental to the Member States in the assessment of compliance with the rules of the Pact;

**II.**

**1. Is of the opinion**

that it is appropriate to exclude the negative economic growth or significantly negative output gap at the EU level as a whole from the eligibility criteria for the investment clause; the proposed individual approach to each country according to their economic situation will allow to take better account of problems of the economy regardless of development in other Member States;

**2. Considers it important**

that in the preventive and corrective arm of the Pact, while deciding on the application of the structural reform clause, only the already passed reforms (by the Parliament) should be taken into account, so that e.g. allowing deviations

from the medium-term budgetary objective with regard to the planned structural reforms, which fail to be passed later on, is prevented;

**3. Notes**

that for the proper functioning and credibility of the Pact it will be crucial that the Commission apply a balanced approach to the requirements for fiscal discipline on the one hand and to the consideration and subsequent acknowledgement of the individual flexibility clauses (i.e. the investment clause and structural reforms clause) on the other hand, while adhering to the principle of equal treatment of all Member States;

**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 from the Commission;

**2. Authorises**

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

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