



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
10TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 9th session held on 17th June 2015

**on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and
the Council**

**The Paris Protocol – A blueprint for tackling global climate change beyond 2020
(Senate Print no. K 009/10)**

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

in general the efforts to protect the world climate because it considers climate change to be an objective fact to which it is necessary to react, among other things, by preparing and taking appropriate adaptation and mitigation measures;

2. Considers it crucial

that quantitative commitments and targets for tackling climate change should be adopted only on the basis of really objective and verifiable scientific findings and prognosis in order to prevent incorrect regulatory interventions with far-reaching and often unintended consequences, the case in point being non-systematic support of some energy sources or massive growing of energy crops (oilseed rape, corn etc.) for the production of first-generation biofuels;

3. Agrees

with the Government's position and adds that the Senate perceives the Communication as a good basis for further discussions on the future shape of the international agreement on climate protection;

II.

1. Recalls

the long term position of the Senate formulated in Resolution No. 463 of 23 April 2014 on A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030 and the revision of the EU ETS system, in which the Senate, among other things, reiterated that commitments regarding greenhouse gas emissions reduction must be made globally because unilateral reductions are

only going to have a limited effect, for which the EU will pay by decreasing its competitiveness;

2. Supports

in principal the proposal of the European Commission concerning the main elements of the future international agreement and the entry into force after the ratification process has been completed by the main world emitters of green-house gases representing approximately 80% of current global emissions;

3. Expects

that a rigorous system monitoring the fulfilment of commitments will be put in place in the new climate agreement, including mechanisms addressing cases of non-compliance;

4. Considers it appropriate

to involve all economic sectors in the effort to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions, including international aviation and shipping, agriculture, and other economic land uses;

5. Points out

the fact that it is, at the same time, necessary to carry out the strategy on adaption to climate change because adaptation based on the right understanding of functioning and behaviour of natural ecosystems can, in time, reduce the risk of floods and soil erosion, improve the quality of water and air, strengthen the energy and food security and, last but not least, contribute to coping better with climate change;

6. Invites

the Government of the Czech Republic:

- to make a realistic estimate of anticipated costs that the Czech Republic will have to incur in order to implement the intentions and recommendations contained in this Communication;
- to focus primarily on such measures which can effectively improve the situation concerning the protection of the environment in our country;

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;

2. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch
sign manual
President of the Senate

Jiří Vosecký
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Senate Verifier