

# THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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# **RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 11<sup>th</sup> session held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015

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 European Agenda on Security (Senate Print no. K 018/10)

#### The Senate

I.

#### 1. Got acquainted

with the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The European Agenda on Security, and welcomes this joint initiative which seeks to protect EU citizens and their fundamental rights;

#### 2. Notes at the same time

that in principle, the activity at EU level in the security area facilitates mutual cooperation between Member States and coordination of cross-border activities of the law enforcement authorities;

II.

#### 1. Supports,

in general, the Commission's proposed measures, especially with regard to the seriousness of the outlined threats that pose a risk to the security of the EU and of the Member States;

# 2. Considers,

in this context, particularly better information exchange, increased operational cooperation and cooperation with EU agencies as well as support of training and funding to be essential, since such steps can help increase safety and reduce negative effects of the mentioned security threats;

#### 3. Appreciates

the Commission's comprehensive approach to this issue, including an emphasis on implementation of existing instruments and effort to complete the

pending legislative proposals, e. g. Directive on an EU Passenger Name Record (PNR) or the data protection reform which can contribute to a more coherent legal framework and legal certainty;

### 1. Emphasises at the same time

the importance of knowledge and capacity sharing in the fight against terrorism and supports the development of the European Centre for Counter-Terrorism set up within Europol;

## 2. Agrees, in accord with the Government,

with the introduction of measures by the EU that would allow a systematic control of documents at the external border as reinforcing border controls can be used as prevention of travelling of the so-called foreign fighters, or illegal migrants;

#### 3. Highlights

also the importance of the fight against smuggling of migrants and therefore it will closely focus on Action Plan against migrant smuggling (2015 - 2020);

#### 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

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