

# THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC $10^{\text{TH}}$ TERM

312<sup>th</sup>

# RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 17<sup>th</sup> session held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council A Fair and Efficient Corporate Tax System in the European Union: 5

Key Areas for Action

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### **The Senate**

I.

# Supports,

in general, efforts for more transparent and more equitable approach to corporate taxation and combating the abuse of tax law, which leads to lower tax revenues in national budgets and limits the state's ability to fully secure public services, harms the business environment by creating unequal conditions of economic competition and undermines economic growth;

# II.

## 1. Welcomes, therefore,

the presented Action Plan which introduces concrete measures by the Commission focused on fair and effective taxation of corporate income and aims primarily at:

- re-establishing the link between the place of taxation and the place of where economic activity is pursued,
- ensuring that corporations cannot take advantage of various loopholes in the tax law and of aggressive tax planning to circumvent their tax obligations;

#### 2. Agrees

that in the preparation of new proposals in this area the Commission should reflect the recommendations of the OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project (BEPS), as this initiative is concerned with similar objectives and it is desirable that the rules governing the basic framework of corporate taxation, especially concerning large corporations, were coherent at the global level;

# 3. Supports

the Government's position to this Communication as it correctly identifies possible problematic aspects e.g. in connection with a common consolidated corporate tax base; believes, in accord with the Government, that efforts should be preferably focused on finding the optimal and efficient European framework for calculating the tax base for corporations without the aspect of consolidation, as endorsed by the Senate in its Resolution from 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011 on the Proposal for a Council Directive on the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base;

#### III.

# 1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account as well as about further initiatives following this Communication from the Commission;

#### 2. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch sign manual President of the Senate

> Emilie Třísková sign manual Senate Verifier