PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Chamber of Deputies Committee for European Affairs

Resolution No. 191

38th session on 14th October 2015

The Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU common list of safe countries of origin for the purposes of the Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection status, and amending Directive 2013/32/EU /COM (2015) 452 final/.

Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

- 1. **supports** the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an EU common list of safe countries of origin for the purposes of the Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection status, and amending Directive 2013/32 / EU (COM (2015) 452 final);
- 2. **considers** the introduction of a common list of safe countries as effective tool to ensure more flexible examination of applications for international protection in the EU and to reduce the pressure on the asylum systems of most affected Member States in the same time;
- 3. **states** that this measure can also contribute to reduce the influx of purely economic migrants who abuse the current crisis situation and pretend to be refugees;
- 4. **welcomes** the Commission's initiative to expand further the listing of countries included on this common list and the gradual approximation of legislation in this area;
- 5. **calls on the Czech Government** to inform the Committee for European Affairs and the Subcommittee on Migration and Asylum Policy on the progress and outcome of negotiations concerning this proposal;
- 6. **authorizes** the Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs to inform the President of the European Commission on the content of this resolution.