

THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC 10^{TH} TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 19th session held on 3rd March 2016

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Upgrading the Single Market: more opportunities for people and business

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The Senate

I.

Welcomes,

in general, the Commission's efforts to modernize the single market and efforts to link this concept with other strategies and initiatives, e.g. with the Investment Plan for Europe, as well as submission of the timetable of individual steps; the evaluation of individual generally outlined initiatives will, however, depend on their particular shape;

II.

1. Agrees

with the focus of measures on SMEs and start-ups (facilitating access to finance and public procurement and the removal of administrative burdens);

2. Supports

removing barriers to the internal market, especially excessive administrative and regulatory burden, and elimination of all forms of discrimination against consumers and businesses due to their nationality and residence, seat respectively;

3. Is of the opinion

that the modernization of the standardization system, in cooperation with partners from the public and private sector, is also an appropriate step;

4. Welcomes

the Commission initiatives aimed at optimizing procurement, particularly in terms of more efficient procurement administration system and the mechanism of voluntary preliminary assessment of large infrastructure projects;

5. Supports

the Government's position on the Commission Communication and also the document adopted by the Government "Priorities of the Czech Republic in the Agenda of the Internal

Market 2015-2020" from November 2015, which sets out individual tasks in specific areas of the internal market that should be fulfilled by the Czech Republic by the end of 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 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

> Jiří Vosecký sign manual Senate Verifier