



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

388th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 21st session held on 6th April 2016

on the Proposal for a Directive of the European parliament and of the Council on combating terrorism and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism

(Senate Print No. N 052/10)

The Senate

I.

1. Appreciates

the effort of the Commission to update and unite the EU legal framework on terrorism, which poses a threat to the internal security of the EU and the values on which it is based;

2. Points out

that the transnational character of terrorism requires the cooperation of the EU and all relevant authorities and institutions of the Member States, as well as a coordinated and multidisciplinary approach;

II.

1. Supports

in accord with the Government the proposed directive as it is in the interest of the Czech Republic that the standards currently met by the Czech Republic are fulfilled by other Member States as well, thus ensuring full accord of the EU law with the international commitments of the Member States;

2. Welcomes particularly

the addition, to the current list of criminal offenses, of travelling abroad for terrorist purposes, organising and financing of such travel, receiving training for terrorism or providing financial resources for the execution of a terrorist attack, including the dissemination of terrorist propaganda on the Internet, which is currently exploited primarily for radicalization and recruitment of new persons;

3. Welcomes also

new provisions complementing the directive on the rights of victims of terrorist crimes; at the same time it would be appropriate to clarify how broad the consequences associated with the obligation of the Member States to provide free psychological assistance to all victims of terrorism should be;

4. Recalls

that the Senate has addressed the issue of foreign terrorist fighters e.g. in its 101st Resolution of 10th legislative term on the Sixth bi-annual report on the functioning of the Schengen area (Senate Print K 001/10), in which it emphasized primarily the importance of the prevention of radicalization and recruitment, detection of the relevant persons at the external borders of the Union, as well as the cooperation with third countries or ensuring the efficient exchange of relevant information, and agreed also with the extension of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) to the issue of foreign fighters; in its 213th Resolution of 10th legislative term on the Communication from the Commission The European Agenda on Security (Senate Print K 018/10) it also emphasized the importance of knowledge and capacity sharing in the fight against terrorism and supported the development of the European Centre for Counter-Terrorism set up within Europol;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this Resolution has been taken into account, as well as about the progress of negotiations and initiatives following-up on these documents;

2. Authorises

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

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