

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

# 337<sup>th</sup>

# **RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 19<sup>th</sup> session held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation No 562/2006 (EC) as regards the reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders /Senate Print no. N 066/10/

#### **The Senate**

I.

#### 1. Supports

measures to strengthen the protection of the external border of the Union as they present a key part of the solution to the ongoing migration and refugee crisis;

### 2. Agrees

with the Position of the Government;

#### 3. Notes

that systematic checks at external borders may contribute to the fight against terrorism, so-called foreign terrorist fighters, illegal migration and related organized crime;

#### 4. Considers

it however important to preserve the free movement of persons and the smooth flow of traffic within the Schengen area;

#### 5. Recalls

that the need for efficient and systematic controls of movement of persons and identity documents, as well as need for strengthening the protection of external borders has already been pointed out in its  $101^{\rm st}$  Resolution of 18 March 2015 ( $10^{\rm th}$  legislative term) on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Sixth bi-annual report on the functioning of the Schengen area 1 May - 31 October 2014 (sen. print K 001/10) and in its  $213^{\rm th}$  Resolution of 12 August 2015 ( $10^{\rm th}$  legislative term) 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 (sen. print K 018/10);

# 6. Is therefore of the opinion

that the Commission could have presented the proposal for a regulation on systematic checks at the external borders of the EU much earlier;

# II.

# 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.

Milan Štěch sign manual President of the Senate

> Karel Kratochvíle sign manual Senate Verifier