



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 9th session held on 16th August 2017

on the Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe /Senate Print no. K 037/11, COM(2017) 206/

and

the Proposal for a Interinstitutional Proclamation on the European Pillar of Social Rights /Senate Print no. J 038/11, COM(2017) 251/

The Senate

I.

1. Got acquainted

with the Reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe;

2. Regrets

that although the aforementioned Reflection paper is tied with the White Paper on the Future of Europe, it introduces only three possible future scenarios of the social dimension of Europe and does not elaborate for example the scenario "carrying on but better and more effectively";

3. Agrees

with the opinion of the Government of the Czech Republic that in the debate about the future of the social dimension of Europe, it would be possible to support convergence but not full harmonisation of employment, education, social protection and health care policies and that in particular the preservation of the right to free movement of persons in the EU should be the priority;

4. Recalls

its 232nd Resolution from 20 July 2017 on the White Paper on the future of Europe in which the Senate emphasized that the negative social impacts of internal market rules related to economic disparities between Member States must be tackled, above all, by greater support of the Member States' economic convergence and by approximation of standards in areas where it is possible and that the focus should be on the social adaptation to changes brought about by technological developments;

II.

1. Appreciates

the submission of the final version of the European Pillar of Social Rights and agrees with the principles and rights included therein;

2. Is of the opinion

that the Pillar will contribute to more effective functioning of the internal market and at the same time will supplement the so far predominantly economic integration with a social aspect;

3. Believes,

in accordance with the Position of the Government, that the Czech Republic should join the Pillar even if all 27 Member States do not reach an agreement on its final shape;

III.

Authorises

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

Milan Štěch
sign manual
President of the Senate

Luděk Jeništa
sign manual
Senate Verifier