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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 10th session held on 11th October 2017

**on the Reflection Paper on the Future of EU Finances (Senate Print No. J 64/11;
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The Senate

I.

1. Agrees

in general with the Government's Position, especially with

- the need to simplify the revenue structure and budget management and increase the efficiency of EU expenditures, inter alia in the area of cohesion and agricultural policy;
- with the preservation of the seven-year period for the multiannual financial framework;
- the position that any eventual stabilization capacity or separate euro area budget should be set outside the EU budget and must not affect the financing of the EU-27 common priorities;

2. Notes, however,

that in the context of the United Kingdom's departure and the growing need for financing such areas as security and defence, there is likely to be a significant reduction in the volume of cohesion and agricultural policy resources and it is not entirely clear from the Government's Position what savings in these areas is the Government ready to support;

3. Is of the opinion,

that agricultural policy should be geared to promoting technical progress and the rational development of environmentally sustainable agricultural production ensuring a smooth supply of quality and safe food at reasonable prices and ensuring an adequate standard of living for the agricultural population; therefore, the reduction of direct payments for large agricultural enterprises should be considered in line with the Commission's proposal;

4. Emphasises

the crucial and irreplaceable role of national parliaments in democratic control of the governments' economic policy, the approval of the state budget and the adoption of laws introducing economic reforms, which must be respected even in the case of the Commission's proposed closer coordination of economic policies and the interconnection of cohesion policy with the European Semester (see Senate Resolution No. 231. from 20th June 2013 on the coordination of economic reforms in the EU);

II.

1. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch
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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier