

THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC 11^{TH} TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 12th session held on 15th February 2018

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions – A Balanced and Progressive Trade Policy to Harness Globalisation (Senate Print No. K 67/11; COM (2017) 492)

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the Government's Position i.e. it welcomes a presentation of the trade policy agenda which confirms the current principles of the "Trade for All" Strategy;

2. Supports

conclusion of balanced agreements which do not lower European standards and maintain the right of Member States to regulate in the public interest;

II.

1. Considers it necessary

that the process of negotiation of trade agreements proceeds transparently;

2. Recommends

that the principle of transparency is also applied in the process of appointing the judges of the planned Multilateral Investment Court;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this resolution was taken into account;

2. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch sign manual President of the Senate

> Pavel Štohl sign manual Senate Verifier