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THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
11TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

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

**on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions
Mid-Term evaluation of the Copernicus programme (2014-2020)**

(Senate Print no. K 78/11, COM(2017) 617)

The Senate

I.

Agrees

with the Position of the Government on the Report from the Commission on Mid-Term evaluation of the Copernicus programme 2014-2020;

II.

1. Supports

the development of the Copernicus Programme into a public service led by user needs and by European and national policies;

2. Considers it highly important

- to preserve the current Copernicus data policy, i.e. open, available and free access to acquired data for any use;
- to ensure sufficient funding of the programme from the next EU multiannual financial framework for the 2021-2027 period;

3. Agrees

with the endeavour for mutual support and closer cooperation between the Copernicus and Galileo projects, mainly in the domain of the development of the market with integrated applications using the satellite navigation and Earth observation data;

4. Recommends,

therefore, an extension of the role and competences of the European GNSS Agency, which has experience and expertise in market development, communication and above all security, and transfer of the management structure of the Copernicus Programme under the remit of the European GNSS Agency;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations;

2. Authorises

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

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President of the Senate

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