

PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
Chamber of Deputies
Committee for European Affairs

Resolution No. 47

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The Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast), COM(2017)753 final, Council Code 5846/18

Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

1. **takes note of the** Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast), COM (2017) 753 final;
2. **supports** the framework position of the Government of the Czech Republic dated 9/2/2018 related to this document;
3. **takes the view**, that the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast), COM (2017) 753, does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity, and therefore **adopts a reasoned opinion** pursuant to the Article 6 of Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality annexed to the Treaties, for the following reasons:

Subsection 3 of the Article 5 of the Treaty on the European Union states, that under the principle of subsidiarity, in areas which do not fall within its exclusive competence, the Union shall act only if and in so far as the objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, either at central level or at regional and local level, but can rather, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved at Union level. The quality of water and its control and matters connected with access to water for marginalised groups and free access to water in public spaces, are objectives that could be sufficiently achieved by the Member States at central level or at regional and local level.
4. **authorises** the Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs to forward this resolution, through the President of the Chamber of Deputies, to the Government, the President of the Senate, the President of the European Parliament, the President of the Council and the President of the European Commission, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies;
5. **submits** the document in question, including the framework position of the Government and this resolution, for information to the Committee on Environment.