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THE SENATE
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 8th session held on 19th July 2017

on the Joint Report to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions Report on the Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy Review (Senate Print No. K 41/11; JOIN (2017) 18)

The Senate

I.

1. Got acquainted

with the Report on the Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy Review;

2. Agrees

with the Position of the Government;

3. States

that the Senate has been focusing on the European Neighbourhood Policy for a long time, especially on its eastern dimension, and therefore recalls its 159th resolution from 1st March 2016 on the Joint Communication on the Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy, in which the Senate endorsed its revision and in which it considers the European Neighbourhood Policy to be one of the EU's main external relations instruments aimed at strengthening relations and striving to expand the zone of stability and prosperity in areas directly neighbouring with the EU;

II.

1. Points out,

in accord with the Government, that the Joint Communication does not put emphasis on the EU's support for the European perspective of the participating partner countries and the "more for more" principle, which allows the cooperation

to go beyond standard on the basis of meeting the agreed priorities by the partner country;

2. Recalls

that although the European Neighbourhood Policy review has managed to achieve a reasonable balance between both its dimensions (eastern and southern), it is still necessary to continue this trend, including in relation to their funding;

3. Is of opinion

that new Commission initiatives involving partner countries and aimed at addressing the migration crisis or other aspects should be coordinated with the overarching objectives and activities of the European Neighbourhood Policy;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account, and about further initiatives;

2. Authorises

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

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