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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 17th session held on 15th August 2018

Senate Print no. J 140/11, COM(2018) 244 - Proposal for a Council Recommendation on Strengthened Cooperation against Vaccine Preventable Diseases

The Senate

I.

1. Recognizes

the importance of vaccination in the preventive health care programs and in dealing with serious and difficult-to-treat diseases with severe health consequences as well as the need for cooperation at the European level in the fight against vaccine preventable diseases;

2. Recalls, however,

that the setup of the national vaccination programs is part of the preventive programs for the protection of public health and that the EU competences in this area, in accordance with the Articles 6 and 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, only include supportive, coordinating and supplementary activities;

3. Supports in general terms

the Position of the Government and in line with this Position the measures recommended by the Council; however, the Senate notes at the same time that most of them are not very specific and need to be elaborated;

4. Is also of the opinion

that there is a need for a thorough check of the risk of transmission of infectious diseases in the framework of asylum procedures in the EU Member States, in particular in cases of applicants for international protection from other continents, for instance because of the risk of transmission of number of diseases, including Ebola;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations once the political agreement of the required number of Member States on the main elements of the proposal is reached, or at an earlier time, should the results of negotiations in the Council begin to depart considerably from the position of the Czech Republic expressed in the General Position of the Government;

2. Authorises

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

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