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THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

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

on the Proposal for a Regulation from the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 767/2008, Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, Regulation (EU) 2017/2226, Regulation (EU) 2016/399, Regulation XX/2018 [Interoperability Regulation], and Decision 2004/512/EC and repealing Council Decision 2008/633/JHA

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The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the proposed revision of the Visa Information System and of the related legislation;

2. Agrees

that the proposed changes will streamline and strengthen the processing of short-stay visa applications, verification related to persons and security checks at the external borders and on the territory of the EU Member States;

3. Is of the opinion

that the long-stay visas and residence documents of third country nationals should be stored in a central EU database;

4. Expects

that storing of a copy of the applicant's travel document in the Visa Information System will support the efficiency of returns of those third country nationals, who do not fulfil legal conditions for stay in the European Union, back to their country of origin;

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 proposals 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. Authorizes

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

Milan Štěch
sign manual
President of the Senate

Tomáš Grulich
sign manual
Senate Verifier