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THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 18th session held on 18th October 2018

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 /Senate Print No. N 155/11, COM(2018) 385/

The Senate

I.

1. Fully supports

the continuation of the LIFE programme in the next Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2021-2027 and the substantial increase of its budget because the LIFE programme is the only EU fund dedicated solely to environmental and climate objectives;

2. Appreciates

the efforts for the simplification of the LIFE programme; however, the Senate is of the opinion that this simplification does not always contribute to better comprehensibility of this programme;

3. Requests, in accordance with the position of the Government,

- a) to set the co-financing rates directly in the text of the Regulation as it is in the current Regulation (EU) No. 1293/2013 on the LIFE programme;
- b) a more detailed definition of role and specification of participation of the third countries in the programme and indication of these facts directly in the text of the Proposal; supports, however, the extension of eligible actions to actions outside the Union and to international cooperation;
- c) to maintain the Committee for the LIFE Programme for the Environment and Climate Action which should continue to participate in the preparation and approval of the multiannual work programmes;

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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