



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 18th session held on 17th October 2018

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the space programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013, (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision 541/2014/EU (Senate Print no. N 170/11, COM(2018) 447)

The Senate

I.

1. Regards

the EU space programmes as strategic activities with significant economic, social, security and political impact;

2. Agrees

with the Position of the Government of the Czech republic on the Proposal;

II.

1. Supports

the establishment of the European Union Agency for the Space Programme in Prague (hereinafter referred to as the Agency) and recommends to entrust the Agency with sufficient competencies and organizational and financial means so that it allows the Agency to administrate the EU space programme properly and also to ensure the programme's security and adequate development of all its components and to maximize benefits and the application of EU space systems in practice; in this regard, the Senate appreciates that the proposal, in line with the Senate Resolution No. 353 delivered on 15th February 2018, aims to strengthen the role of the GSA Agency in the management of EU satellite navigation programmes, to use its expertise and experience when managing other EU space programmes and to promote closer links among EU space programmes;

2. Stresses

that for the effective management of the EU space programme, it is necessary to establish the Agency as a strong centre with close links to local infrastructures, to

appropriately divide roles between the Agency and the Commission, establish the cooperation between the Agency, the European Space Agency and the Member States and minimize administrative burden;

3. Considers it important

to ensure the operation of key space programmes, i.e. Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus, and the development of new programmes GOVSATCOM and SST, including their adequate funding, civil governance and open access policies to data and services provided, taking into account all security risks and the nature of the particular service;

4. Appreciates

that the Proposal integrates management of existing programmes Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus and development of new programmes GOVSATCOM and SST which will facilitate synergies between different parts of these programmes and lead to elimination of parallel and content-related activities and increase the return on funding allocated for the construction of the systems;

III.

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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