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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 17th October 2018

on the Package on the establishment of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance and the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument

Senate Print no. N 170/11, COM(2018) 465 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III)

Senate Print no. N 171/11, COM(2018) 460 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument

The Senate

I.

1. Endorses

the increase in the financial resources for Chapter VI "Neighbourhood and the World" of the next Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2021-2027;

2. Agrees

with the need for modernisation and streamlining of the EU external actions instruments and therefore supports the proposed form and objectives of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI);

3. Welcomes

the increase in the financial resources for the Neighbourhood programme within the NDICI; however, supports the request of the Government for the fair distribution of these resources between the Eastern and Southern dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy;

4. Believes also,

in accordance with the position of the Government, that cases should be reduced (financial limits lowered) when the Commission will be able to decide itself on changes in financing of action plans and special measures without the necessity of

approval from the Member States (Article 21(2) of the NDICI Regulation proposal);

5. Appreciates,

having regard the Senate's long-term support of the Western Balkan countries and their accession to the EU, the interconnection of the IPA III instrument with the Western Balkan strategy and the increase in the financial resources for this instrument;

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. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch
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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier