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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 the European Defence Fund**

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The Senate

I.

1. Supports

strengthening of the EU Member States' defence cooperation as well as establishment of the European Defence Fund, which will enhance investments in research and development of defence products and technologies in the EU while according with the activities implemented within NATO;

2. Emphasises

individual needs, priorities and interests of the Member States as regards the defence policy and particularities of the defence industry of individual Member States, which have to be taken into account;

3. Agrees

that the implementation of common research and development defence projects under the European Defence Fund will positively affect the overall state of the European defence;

4. Especially appreciates

certain aspects of the proposal such as the support of the involvement of small and medium sized enterprises and middle capitalization companies in the common European defence projects implemented within the Fund;

II.

1. Is in agreement

with the Government's Position on the proposal for a regulation establishing the European Defence Fund;

2. Supports

the Government's aim to assist entities from the Czech Republic with the proper engagement in the implementation of the activities financed via the European Defence Fund and ensure geographical balance in relation to the Fund;

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. Authorizes

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

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