

PARLAMENT ČESKÉ REPUBLIKY Poslanecká sněmovna předseda výboru pro evropské záležitosti Mgr. Ondřej Benešík

Prague, 20th December 2018

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Enhancing legal pathways to Europe: an indispensable part of a balanced and comprehensive migration policy A contribution from the European Commission to the Leaders' meeting in Salzburg on 19-20 September 2018, COM(2018)635, Council Code 12193/18;

The respective documents were included in the agenda of the 21st session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 12th December 2018. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies the Deputy Minister of Interior was present at the session to introduce the preliminary Government's Framework Position.

After the hearing of the rapporteur's review and after the discussion the Committee has adopted the resolution No. 178 which is enclosed to this letter.

Yours sincerely

Enclosure

Mr. Jean-Claude JunckerPresident of the European Commission
Brussels

PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC Chamber of Deputies Committee for European Affairs

Resolution No. 178

21st Session on 12 December 2018

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Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

- 1. **discussed** the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Enhancing legal pathways to Europe: an indispensable part of a balanced and comprehensive migration policy A contribution from the European Commission to the Leaders' meeting in Salzburg on 19-20 September 2018, COM(2018)635, Council Code 12193/18:
- 2. **insists** that the legal framework for the management of legal migration in the area of admission of legal migrants to the labor market, including highly qualified workers, students and researchers, should remain as it stands and remain the responsibility of national states;
- 3. **disagrees** with the further transfer of Member States' competences to the EU level in the field of legal migration. Under Article 79 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, the decision on the number of employed migrants should be voluntary and within the competence of the Member States;
- **4. authorizes** the Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs to forward this resolution to the President of the European Commission **in the context of the Political Dialogue**.