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THE SENATE
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 6th session held on 27th February 2019

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 30 March 2019: Implementing the Commission's Contingency Action Plan (Senate Print no. K 009/12, COM(2018) 890)

The Senate

I.

1. Is convinced

that irrespective of whether a Withdrawal Agreement will be concluded by 29th March 2019, it is in the interest of both sides to come to an agreement regarding the arrangement of future relations as soon as possible;

2. Recalls

that after the referendum on Brexit made an appeal to the Government to advocate constructive and pragmatic position in the negotiations and strive for the conclusion of mutually beneficial compromise and for as closest relations as possible with a significant strategic partner of the Czech Republic that must be based on mutual reciprocity and be fair for both sides;

3. Notes

that the negotiated Withdrawal Agreement satisfies these demands from the view of the Senate;

4. Voices regrets

regarding the complexity of the situation caused by the fact that the Withdrawal Agreement, as negotiated by the representatives of the United Kingdom, does not satisfy the demands of the Parliament of the United Kingdom;

II.

1. Appreciates

the proposals of the Commission, which aim to address the main practical issues that will arise if the United Kingdom leaves the European Union without a deal;

2. Supports

the proposal of the Commission to maintain, for the United Kingdom and persons and businesses settled there, the possibility of receiving funding from EU programmes until the end of 2019, which is conditional upon the commitment of the United Kingdom to participate in the financing of the EU budget for 2019 in the agreed amount;

3. Regards

this step as generous and important for the future relations between the European Union and the United Kingdom;

4. Welcomes

the proposal allowing to continue with financing of ongoing stays within the Erasmus+ programme and considers it necessary to continue the financing of projects within Horizon 2020 and of Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions and to prevent the suspension of the ongoing projects and the suspension of approving new projects; this, however, has to be conditional upon the appropriate participation of the United Kingdom in the financing of these programs

5. Considers

the maintaining of access of the United Kingdom to key systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (in particular SIS, ECRIS, Eurodac) to be a fundamental security interest of Europe and requests the Commission to present appropriate proposals;

III.

Authorises

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

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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier