



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 21st session held on 2nd March 2022

on the Package of Documents on Migration, Smuggling and Illegal Employment of Foreigners

Senate Print no. K 090/13 – Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions on the application of Directive 2009/52/EC of 18 June 2009 providing for minimum standards on sanctions and measures against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals /COM(2021) 592/

Senate Print no. K 091/13 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions on the Report on Migration and Asylum /COM(2021) 590/

Senate Print no. K 092/13 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions A renewed EU action plan against migrant smuggling (2021-2025) /COM(2021) 591/

The Senate

- I.**
- 1. Appreciates**
drafting of a renewed EU action plan against smuggling, where activities for the upcoming five-year period are mentioned;
 - 2. Draws attention**
to the fact that smuggling is linked with high crime profits, which are subsequently used for financing of other illegal activities;

Courtesy translation

3. Therefore supports

the European Commission's opinion that every investigation into a smuggling case should be accompanied by a financial crime investigation so that the profits from smuggling can be traced and seized;

4. Agrees

that we should take joint action within the European Union to help prevent smuggling; in this respect, the Senate very much welcomes the renewed action plan's emphasis on awareness raising and information campaigns;

5. Also agrees

that effective cooperation with countries of origin and transit is essential in responding to smuggling; the Senate considers useful to link migration, asylum and security issues with trade, education and cultural cooperation in agreements and partnerships with third countries;

II.

1. Considers unacceptable

that migration is being instrumentalised on the international level as a form of pressure on the EU and/or its Member States;

2. Will pay attention

to this issue and will discuss relevant legislative proposals of the European Commission aimed at preventing and/or responding effectively to the instrumentalisation of migration;

3. Asks

the Government of the Czech Republic and the European Commission to continue adopting measures aimed at responding strongly to the state-sponsored and calculated abuse of irregular migration;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31st July 2022 on the further progress of the legislative proposals for a new migration and asylum pact as well as on further steps taken in relation to the current situation on the external border with Belarus;

2. Authorises

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

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