



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
13TH TERM

437th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 24th session held on 6th April 2022

On the Package for Strengthening of the Schengen Area Governance

Senate Print no. N 137/13 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders /COM(2021) 891/

Senate Print no. N 138/13 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council addressing situations of instrumentalisation in the field of migration and asylum /COM(2021) 890/

The Senate

- I.
1. **Appreciates**
 - the publication of the package for strengthening of the Schengen area governance;
 - the enhanced role of the Council, i.e. of Member States, which the package encompasses;
 2. **Recalls**

its preceding 298th Resolution delivered on 25 August 2021, in which the Senate expressed its opinion on the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment and operation of an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013, as well as on the strategy towards a fully functioning and resilient Schengen area, in which the Senate welcomed the debate about the reform and strengthening of functioning of the Schengen area and described its timing as very appropriate. The Senate also reiterated it considers the right of EU citizens and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of EU Member States, or

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more precisely, in the Schengen area, as one of the greatest accomplishments of the European integration process;

3. Supports

the Government position on the proposals presented;

4. Considers as essential

- that the fight against illegal migration and smuggling represents the utmost EU priority in the field of asylum and migration policy;
- that the Commission, when drafting legislation in the field of asylum and migration in response to the instrumentalisation of migration, takes into account the positions of affected Member States;
- that operational police controls carried out in border areas do not constitute the equivalent of controls at internal borders or have a disproportionate impact on cross-border movements;

II.

1. Requests the Government

to inform the Senate by 31 August 2022 about the way this Resolution was taken into account, and about the further development of negotiations;

2. Authorises

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

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