

PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC Chamber of Deputies Ondřej Benešík Chairman Committee on European Affairs

Prague, 25th February 2022

Dear Ms. President,

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

on the Joint Communication on the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Responding to state-sponsored instrumentalisation of migrants at the EU external border /Council Code 14396/21, JOIN(2021) 32 final/;

on the Proposal for a Council Decesion on provisional emergency measures for the benefit of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland /Council Code 14692/21, COM(2021) 752 final/;

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures against transport operators that facilitate or engage in trafficking in persons or smuggling of migrants in relation to illegal entry into the territory of the European Union /Council Code 14755/21, COM(2021) 753 final/;

on the 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 /Council Code 14601/21, COM(2021) 891 final/;

and on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council addressing situations of instrumentalisation in the field of migration and asylum /Council Code 15152/21, COM(2021) 890 final/.

The respective documents were included in the agenda of the 5th session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 23rd February 2022. According to the Rules of Procedure the Deputy Minister of Interior, the Deputy Minister of Transport and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs were 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. 22 in the context of the Political Dialogue** which is enclosed to this letter.

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Yours sincerely

Ms. Ursula von der Leyen President of the European Commission Brussels

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Resolution No. 22

5th Session on 23 February 2021

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Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

- 1. **takes note of** the above documents:
- 2. **supports** the Czech Government's Framework Position on these documents;
- 3. **stresses** that the fight against illegal migration and smuggling must be a top priority for the EU in asylum and migration policy;
- 4. **stresses** the need to specify clearly the reasons and procedures for introducing temporary protection at the EU's internal borders so that this instrument can only be used as a last resort;
- 5. **considers** it important that the Commission listen to the countries concerned when dragting migration and asylum policy and responding to migration instrumentalization;
- 6. **authorizes** the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs to forward this resolution to the President of the European Commission **in the framework of the Political Dialogue**.