



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
13TH TERM

477th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 25th session held on 11th May 2022

on the Package on Secure Connectivity and Space Traffic Management

Senate Print no. N 161/13 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the Union Secure Connectivity Programme for the period 2023-2027 /COM(2022) 57/

Senate Print no. K 162/13 – Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council An EU Approach for Space Traffic Management An EU contribution addressing a global challenge /JOIN(2022) 4/

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the position of the Government of the Czech Republic on the Proposal for a Regulation and the Joint Communication, as the Senate agrees with the objective of the Secure Connectivity Programme to ensure the long-term and uninterrupted availability of secure and cost-effective satellite communication services for government users and others, and in this context, considers important space traffic management (with a view to minimizing space debris);

2. Considers

- fostering a comprehensive EU approach to space traffic management for the EU and its Member States and promoting this approach at global level to be key for the enhancement of the resilience of the EU space assets;
- the establishment of an independent space connectivity system for the provision of secured and resilient satellite communication services for public administrations to be strategically important and crucial for national security, given the increasing hybrid and cyber threats levels and the propensity of natural disasters;

Courtesy translation

3. Stresses

the benefits of high-speed broadband availability and seamless connectivity throughout Europe, the removal of "dead" zones and increased cohesion within the Member States, including rural, peripheral, remote and isolated areas and islands, and the provision of connectivity in geographical areas of strategic interest outside the Union which may be achieved by implementing the secure connectivity system;

4. Supports

the extension of the authority and strengthening of the competences of the European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA) in respect to the Union Secure Connectivity Programme;

5. Perceives

the involvement of the Czech Republic in the preparation and production of the satellite system as an opportunity for the wider support of the Czech space industry;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31st 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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