



## SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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### RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 5<sup>th</sup> session held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**on the Proposal for a Council Recommendation on strengthening prevention through early detection: A new EU approach on cancer screening replacing Council Recommendation 2003/878/EC /Senate Print no. J 209/13, COM(2022) 474/**

#### **The Senate**

#### **I.**

##### **1. Emphasises**

- that many of the measures proposed in the Proposal for a Council Recommendation have already been implemented to a large extent in the Czech Republic (e.g. lower age limit for mammography), are being implemented as part of pilot programmes (e.g. early detection of lung cancer) or will be implemented after evaluation of the expert discussion (e.g. the need for screening of gastric cancer);
- that the related ethical, legal, social, medical, organisational and socio-economic aspects need to be considered before decisions are taken to introduce new cancer screening programmes;
- that the proposed approach to cervical cancer screening represents a fundamental change in the screening strategy applied in the Czech Republic so far, which is based on regular cytological examination in combination with testing for human papilloma virus (HPV);

##### **2. Calls on the Government to adopt measures**

- to extend HPV testing to other age groups than is the current practice in the Czech Republic (i.e. women aged 35 and 45); emphasises that cervical cancer is a relatively well preventable disease, with 700 to 800 new cases diagnosed annually and approximately 350 women dying from cervical cancer;
- to improve the primary prevention of cervical cancer by increasing HPV

- vaccination rates in boys and girls and moving the upper age limit to 15 years of age;
- to increase the participation of the Czech population in cancer screening through a well-chosen strategy and good practice (e.g. targeted invitations, home tests, information campaigns);

## **II.**

### **1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 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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