



SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

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The Senate

I.

1. Highlights

the importance of strengthening energy security, of which a high degree of energy self-sufficiency should be an integral part;

2. Perceives

that a combination of factors has contributed to the current energy crisis in Europe, including in particular Russia's military aggression against Ukraine and its economic impact on the EU, as well as miscalculation of economic recovery after COVID-19 pandemic, lower performance and reliability of renewable energy sources or the shutdown of nuclear and coal power plants without appropriate and sustainable replacement;

3. Considers it, therefore,

appropriate, in the context of increase in energy commodities prices and the search for alternative energy sources, to temporarily extend the lifetime of coal or nuclear power plants in the EU and in the Czech Republic as a reserve or replacement for natural gas, with regard to the objectives of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting the environment, recalling also that it considers nuclear energy to be the basis of the Czech Republic's energy mix;

4. Welcomes

further diversification of energy raw materials and routes with an emphasis on ensuring security of energy supplies;

5. Emphasises

that all adopted measures must

- take account maintaining the affordability of energy for citizens and businesses in the Czech Republic and the EU;
- prevent energy poverty and must not jeopardize the economy and competitiveness of the Member States and the EU as a whole;

6. Supports

the framework position of the Government;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31 March 2023 about the way this Resolution was taken into account;

2. Authorises

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

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