



PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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SPEAKER OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Prague, <sup>15</sup> November 2019

PS 2019/015266

Dear Excellency,

On behalf of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic I would like to inform you on the Resolution No. 1190 of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic regarding the restriction of the use of lead in ammunition (gunshot and bullets) and of lead in fishing tackle.

On 12 March 2015, the European Commission requested the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) to prepare a restriction proposal on the placing on the market and use of lead in ammunition (gunshot and bullets) and of lead in fishing tackle conforming to the requirements of Annex XV to the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

In November 2018, ECHA published the results of an investigation report on lead in shot used in terrestrial environments in other ammunition types and in fishing tackle. The report builds on the results of the Annex XV dossier for the restriction on lead shot in wetlands and follows the Commission's request to collect information for the assessment of the risk and socio-economic impact of a possible restriction for other uses of lead ammunition, including hunting in other terrains than wetlands and target shooting, as well as for the use of lead weights for fishing. The report concludes that there is a possible impact from those uses of lead to justify additional regulatory measures.

Nevertheless, the Czech Republic representatives are of the opinion that these regulations should not be regulated by the EU but should be left to national legislation. The results of the ECHA study are not questioned, but rather seen as support in national legislation. For these reasons, the Chamber of Deputies has taken the following decisions:

The Chamber of Deputies,

in the spirit of its Resolution No. 1190

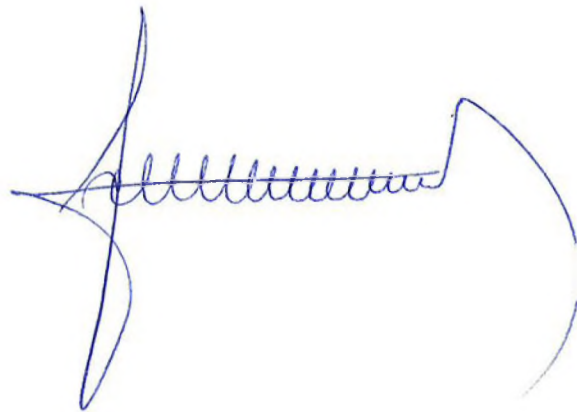
adopted on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting in the 7<sup>th</sup> parliamentary term,

- I. continues to **refuse** the European Union institutions to disproportionately interfere with the functional system of control, registration, acquisition and possession of weapons and ammunition set by the legislation of the Czech Republic;

- II. **calls on** the European Commission, when drafting and submitting any implementing regulations, to pay close attention to the principle of proportionality and non-discrimination of EU Member States and not to misuse its right to issue implementing regulations with the so-called direct effect and not to hinder the proper and full consideration of the proposal in other elected EU bodies;
- III. **calls on** all EU institutions to strictly observe the principle of proportionality and non-discrimination of EU Member States when drawing up and approving any implementing legislation;
- IV. **calls on** the government to be active in negotiations with other EU members in the event of further steps in the regulation of lead in ammunition and fishing lead and the legal possession of weapons, thus ensuring the necessary support and allies to stop unjustified restrictions on citizens' rights;
- V. **authorizes** the President of the Chamber of Deputies to inform the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Parliament and other representatives of the EU institutions and the parliaments of the Member States of the European Union.

Based on these decisions, we would like to ask you for support in future decision-making processes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke, followed by a large, sweeping flourish on the right side.

Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen  
President of the European Commission  
Brussels  
Belgium