

THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC 12TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 4th session held on 19th December 2018

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the European Council A Europe that protects: an initiative to extend the competences of the European Public Prosecutor's Office to cross-border terrorist crimes (Senate Print no. J 183/11, COM(2018) 641)

The Senate

I.

1. Recognizes the importance

of the Commission's effort to establish visible EU instruments for fighting terrorism within the framework of internal security policy;

2. Observes, however,

that the European Public Prosecutor's Office should start functioning in 2020 at earliest, its competence shall relate to crimes against financial interests of the EU and that the sharing of information and the coordination between the Member States during the investigation and prosecution of terrorist crimes already takes place inter alia through the Europol and Eurojust agencies, the development of which enjoys a long-term support of the Senate;

3. Therefore is of the opinion

that the extension of the competences of the Office should be considered only after the Office has been established and has started functioning efficiently;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate, should the proposal to extend the competences of the European Public Prosecutor's Office be put on the agenda of the European Council and, in that case, to inform the Senate again about its intended vote on the proposal;

2. Authorises

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

Jaroslav Kubera sign manual President of the Senate

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