

PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC Chamber of Deputies Ondřej Benešík Chairman Committee for European Affairs

Prague, 17 May 2016

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council "Towards a reform of the Common European asylum system and enhancing legal avenues to Europe" /Council No. 7665/16, COM(2016)197 final) /.

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 51st session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 12th May 2016. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies a Deputy Minister of the Interior was present at the session to introduce the preliminary government's framework position.

After the hearing of the rapporteur's review and after the discussion the Committee has adopted the resolution No. 280 which is enclosed to this letter.

Enclosure

Mr. Jean-Claude JunckerPresident of the European Commission

Brussels

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Resolution No. 280

51st Session on 12 May 2016

the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council "Towards a reform of the Common European asylum system and enhancing legal avenues to Europe" (COM (2016) 197 final)

Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

- 1. **rejects** some measures proposed in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council "Towards a reform of the Common European asylum system and enhancing legal avenues to Europe" (COM (2016) 197 final), except some technical measures such as strengthening the Eurodac;
- 2. **fully supports** the Government's position from 14 April 2016;
- 3. **rejects** both Commission's proposals to reform the Dublin system, and in this context **repeatedly emphasizes** its negative attitude to mandatory relocation mechanisms which it considers as inefficient and according to current practice as dysfunctional;
- 4. **considers** that decisions on asylum should remain primarily as the responsibility of Member States;
- 5. **rejects** mixing discussion about the functioning of the common European asylum system and measures to encourage legal migration;
- 6. **authorizes** the Chair of the Committee for European Affairs to inform the European Commission about the content of this resolution.