

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

Prague, 22nd June 2018

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, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions -2018 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy, COM(2018) 450 final, Council Code 8076/18.

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 14th session of the Committee for European Affairs and were scrutinized on 20th June 2018. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs 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. 109 in the context of the Political Dialogue which is enclosed to this letter.

Yours sincerely

Enclosure

Mr. Jean-Claude JunckerPresident of the European Commission B r u s s e l s

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Resolution No. 109

14th Session on 20 June 2018

the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions -2018 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy, COM(2018) 450 final, Council Code 8076/18.

Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

- 1. **takes note of** the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions 2018 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy, COM(2018) 450 final, Council Code 8076/18;
- 2. **supports** the Government's Framework Position from 24 April 2018 on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions -2018 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy, COM(2018) 450 final, Council Code 8076/18;
- 3. **takes note of** the Resolution No. 28 of 26 April 2018 of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies regarding the priorities of Czech Foreign and European Policy;
- 4. **emphatisizes** that EU enlargement policy must be based on the fulfillment of predetermined conditions by both sides;
- 5. **draws attention** to the different pace of compliance with standards of the EU candidate and potential candidate countries and their development;
- 6. has the opinion that Turkey is for the EU a strategic, political, economic and security partner in a wider region, and also **supports** this status in terms of approximation to the EU's legal standards, but **draws attention** to the current inability of the country's political integration in the current geopolitical and internal political situation into the EU and **stresses** in this context the maintenance of standards of the rule of law;
- 7. **is aware of** the unresolved status of Kosovo, which creates regional and intraunion tensions, but **calls for** the continuation of the Serbian-Kosovo dialogue on normalization of relations and supports the development of good neighbourly relations;
- 8. **authorizes** the Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs to forward this resolution to the President of the European Commission **in the context of the Political Dialogue**.