



**PARLAMENT ČESKÉ REPUBLIKY**  
**Poslanecká sněmovna**  
**předseda výboru pro evropské záležitosti**  
**Mgr. Ondřej Benešík**

Prague, 26<sup>st</sup> February 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 European Council, the Council and the European Central Bank - "Further steps towards completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union: a Roadmap" /Council No. 15653/17, COM(2017)821 final/;

on the Communication from the Commission, to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council and the European Central Bank - "New Budgetary Instruments for a Stable Euro Area within the Union Framework" /Council No. 15654/17, COM(2017)822 final/;

on the Communication from the Commission, to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council and the European Central Bank - "A European Minister of Economy and Finance" /Council No. 15655/17, COM(2017)823 final/;

on the Proposal for a Council Directive laying down provisions for strengthening fiscal responsibility and the medium-term budgetary orientation in the Member States /Council No. 15660/17, COM(2017)824 final/;

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/825 to increase the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective /Council No. 15663/17, COM(2017)825 final/;

on the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Monetary Fund /Council No. 15664/17, COM(2017)827 final/ and

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards support to structural reforms in Member States /Council No. 15566/17, COM(2017)826 final/.

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The respective documents were included in the agenda of the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee for European Affairs and were scrutinized on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies the Secretary of State for European 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. 41 which is enclosed to this letter.

Yours sincerely



Enclosure

**Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker**  
President of the European Commission

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**PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**  
**Chamber of Deputies**  
**Committee for European Affairs**

Resolution No. 41

7<sup>th</sup> Session on 15 February 2018

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**Conclusions of the Resolution:**

Committee for European Affairs

1. **discussed** the Commission's Communication "Further steps towards completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union: a Roadmap"; the Commission's Communication "New Budgetary Instruments for a Stable Euro Area within the Union Framework"; the

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2. **supports in principle** the Government's Framework Position from 7 February 2018 on the Commission's Communication "Further steps towards completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union: a Roadmap"; the Government's Framework Position from 7 February 2018 on the Commission's Communication "New Budgetary Instruments for a Stable Euro Area within the Union Framework"; the Government's Framework Position from 7 February 2018 on the Commission's Communication "A European Minister of Economy and Finance"; the Government's Framework Position from 7 February 2018 on the Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2017/825 to increase the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective; the Government's Framework Position from 7 February 2018 on the Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions and the Government's Framework Position from 7 February 2018 on the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Monetary Fund;

3. **notes** that this is another substantial change in the architecture of the euro area, which is already today significantly different from the situation when the Czech Republic has undertaken to adopt the common European currency;

4. **agrees** with the Government's Framework Position, which considers that some of the proposals in the package are insufficiently elaborated and need to be clarified;

5. **agrees** with the Government's Framework Position, that the stability of EMU is a strategic interest of the Czech Republic, **but enunciates**, that it is not the national interest of the Czech Republic to deepen EMU by transferring powers from the national level to the EU particularly in the fiscal area and in the supervision over the banking sector;

6. **also agrees** with the Government's Framework Position, which does not support the creation of the position A European Minister of Economy and Finance, which would also require a change of the primary law of the European Union;

7. **decides** to forward the documents together with its Resolution and the Czech Government's Framework Position to the Committee on Budget for information;

8. **authorizes** the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee to forward this resolution to the President of the European Commission **in the context of the Political Dialogue**.