

THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 19th session held on 2nd March 2016

on the Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Region:
Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy

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The Senate

1. States

that, in accordance with the Government position, it considers the European Neighbourhood Policy to be one of the crucial instruments of EU external action, the purpose of which is to strengthen mutual relations and to strive for extension of the zone of stability and prosperity in the regions immediately neighbouring the EU;

2. Recalls

that the Senate has been focusing on the European Neighbourhood Policy for a long time, especially on its eastern dimension;

II.

1. Supports

the process of the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy and perceives it as a necessary precondition for preserving a relevant engagement of the EU in the changing geopolitical environment;

2. Appreciates

the importance of regional cooperation within the European Neighbourhood Policy and emphasizes the preservation and further strengthening of the Eastern Partnership in accordance with the Declaration signed in Riga in May 2015;

3. Puts emphasis

on the balance between both dimensions (eastern and southern) of the European Neighbourhood Policy, also in relation to their financing;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account, and about further initiatives following this Communication;

2. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch sign manual President of the Senate

> Karel Kratochvíle sign manual Senate Verifier