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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 2nd session held on 30th November 2016

on greenhouse gas emission reduction package

Senate Print No. N 102/10 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 for a resilient Energy Union and to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change

Senate Print No. N 103/10 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change

Senate Print No. K 104/10 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility

The Senate

I.

1. Supports,

in general, both proposals for regulations and considers them as an important contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the achievement of the 2030 climate and energy framework targets;

II.

1. Recalls

its Resolution No. 658 of 14th June 2012 on the accounting rules for land use related to climate change, in which the Senate was aware of the importance and potential of soil and forests in respect of absorption of greenhouse gases and carbon fixation both in soils and in biomass growing thereon and in which stressed that conservation of soil quality and its acreage is a condition for effective possibility of carbon fixation in soils;

2. Is therefore of the opinion,

as the Senate mentioned in its Resolution No. 148 of 17th June 2015 on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Climate action progress report, including the report on the functioning of the European carbon market and the report on the review of Directive 2009/31/EC on the geological storage of carbon dioxide, that the transition towards a low-carbon economy must be brought about by measures based on market mechanisms, cost effectiveness and technological neutrality;

3. Agrees

with the partial objections of the Government of the Czech Republic on both proposals for regulations;

4. Particularly calls for,

- a. a clarification of choosing the outset of allocation trajectory for 2020 and on choosing the reference period 2016-2018 for calculation of allocation in the proposal of the "Effort Sharing Regulation";
- b. a specification of the calculation mechanism and of the methodology used for determining the maximum volume of LULUCF credits under the effort sharing;
- c. a review of administratively very demanding reporting duties under both proposals for regulations;

5. Considers

A European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility very important and agrees with the necessity of improvement of relevant regulatory framework while at the same time assesses positively that the European Commission approaches this issue comprehensively;

6. Identifies

with the partial objections of the Government of the Czech Republic mentioned in the Government's position to the Communication; in particular the Senate lacks more detailed information on future direction of this EU policy in order to realistically assess the possible impact of upcoming steps to the car industry, which is a crucial segment of industry in the Czech Republic;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this Resolution has been taken into account, as well as about further development of negotiations regarding the draft regulations and about further initiatives following the Communication;

2. Authorises

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

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