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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 16th session held on 19th July 2018

**on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on strengthening the security of identity cards of Union citizens and of
residence documents issued to Union citizens and their family members
exercising their right of free movement**

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The Senate

I.

1. Agrees with the opinion

that strengthening security standards of residence documents issued to third country nationals who are family members of EU citizens and of identity cards of EU citizens, which can be used as travel documents when exercising the right of free movement of persons in the EU, is an important tool in fight with terrorism and organized crime;

2. Supports

the alignment of the format and security standards of these types of documents as a means to lower the risk of document fraud and forgery and maintain the right of fast and nondiscriminatory free movement of EU citizens;

II.

1. Finds it appropriate to stress

that, considering the internal and external security of the EU, the unified format of the identity cards of EU citizens and of the residence documents of their family members – third country nationals exercising their right of free movement remains crucial, it is especially so with regard to the data checks in the EU justice and home affairs databases (e.g. information on expulsions and criminal activities);

2. Is of the opinion that

it is crucial for Member States to further intensify their efforts in strengthening security of identity cards of EU citizens and of residence permits of their family members - third country nationals regarding the standardized biometric identifiers (i.e. face scan and fingerprints);

3. Supports the Position of the Government

requesting to prolong the phasing out periods for the identity cards of EU citizens and residence permits of their family members - third country nationals, so that all hardware and software solutions needed for issuing the documents and for subsequent document checks can be put in place;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations once the political agreement of the required number of Member States on the main elements of the proposals is reached, or at an earlier time, should the results of negotiations in the Council begin to depart considerably from the position of the Czech Republic expressed in the General Position of the Government;

2. Authorizes

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

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