

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

Prague, 26th June 2020

Dear Ms. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

on the Annexes to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Commission Work Programme 2020 A Union that strives for more /Council Code 5652/20, COM(2020)37/ and

on the Annexes to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Ajusted Commission Work Programme 2020 /Council Code 7065/20, COM(2020)440/.

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 52nd session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 24th June 2020. According to the Rules of Procedure the Secretary of State from the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic 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. 333 in the context of the Political Dialogue which is enclosed to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure

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Resolution No. 333

52nd Session on 24 June 2020

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Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

1. **takes note of** the Annexes to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Ajusted Commission Work Programme 2020, including the original document 5652/20, and the Government's Framework Position on them;

2. **calls on the European Commission**, to respect the positions of all Member States and to take into account past experience, which makes it clear that the mandatory relocation mechanism is not working, when formulating the New Pact on Migration and **warns** that the Committee will not support any proposal containing this mechanism or its equivalent;

3. **believes** that the reform of migration policy must be based on measures in the external dimension, strengthening the protection of external borders and streamlining the return policy; 4. **recalls**, in the context of the European Commission's planned initiatives under the "New impulse for European democracy", that the competences of the European Union in the area of family law are very limited and the European Commission should therefore be particularly sensitive in formulating initiatives in this area, with respect to different cultural and religious conditions in individual Member States;

5. **authorizes** the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs to forward this Resolution to the President of the European Commission **in the context of the political dialogue.**

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