

SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC 13TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 15th Session held on the 25th of August 2021

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council The EU strategy on voluntary return and reintegration /Senate Print no. K 045/13, COM(2021) 120/

The Senate

I.

1. Appreciates,

as in the past, the European Commission's effort to strengthen the existing framework of the European Union's return policy, this time by promoting voluntary return and reintegration in the country of origin;

2. Considers

the option of voluntary return and assisted voluntary return programmes to be an important part of the EU return system;

3. Perceives,

alongside with the Member States and the European Commission, a functioning return policy as an essential precondition for effective migration procedure;

4. Reminds

its 49th Resolution delivered on 19 December 2018, in which the Senate supported the legislative proposal for revision of the Return Directive and the proposal to strengthen the mandate of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, and expressed its expectations that the proposed measures would lead to general increase in efficiency in return procedure, which is rather unsuccessful in the long term, considering the number of carried out returns;

5. Asks the Commission

to clarify the nature and scope of powers of the EU's Return Coordinator;

II.

Authorises

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

Miloš Vystrčil sign manual President of the Senate

> Adéla Šípová sign manual Senate Verifier