

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

Prague, 20th February 2024

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 Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down minimum rules to prevent and counter the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and stay in the Union, and replacing Council Directive 2002/90/EC and Council Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA /Council Code 16149/23, COM(2023)755/ and

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 /Council Code 16204/23, COM(2023)754/.

The respective documents were included in the agenda of the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee on European Affairs and was scrutinized on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. According to the Rules of Procedure the Deputy Minister of Justice and the Deputy Minister of Interior were 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. 278 in the context of the Political Dialogue** which is enclosed to this letter.

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Yours sincerely

Ms. Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Commission Brussels

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## Chamber of Deputies Committee on European Affairs

Resolution No. 278

40th Session on 31 January 2024

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## **Conclusions of the Resolution:**

Committee for European Affairs

1. **takes note of** the Proposal for a Regulation on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794

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the Proposal for a Directive laying down minimum rules to prevent and counter facilitation of unauthorized entry, transit and stay in the Union, and replacing Council Directive 2002/90/EC and Council Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA;

2. **supports** the Government's Framework Position of the Czech Republic on the Proposal for a Regulation on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794

the Government's Framework Position of the Czech Republic on the Proposal for a Directive laying down minimum rules to prevent and counter facilitation of unauthorized entry, transit and stay in the Union, and replacing Council Directive 2002/90/EC and Council Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA;

- 3. **emphasizes** the need for a thorough discussion and consideration of proposals at the EU level with regard to the impact on the state budget, social environment and the legal system of the Czech Republic, emphasizing the harmonization of the facts of criminal offences, criminal rates and the catalog of sanctions;
- 4. **calls for** the further enhancing of mechanisms for the exchange of information between Member States and Europol, including biometric data, in order to improve the detection and investigation of cases of smuggling and trafficking in human beings;
- 5. **authorizes** the chairman of the Committee on European Affairs to inform about this resolution the President of the European Commission **in the framework of the political dialogue**.