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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

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on the Circular Economy Package

Senate Print no. K 108/11, COM(2018) 28 - 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 Plastics in a Circular Economy

Senate Print no. K 109/11, COM(2018) 29 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a monitoring framework for the circular economy

The Senate

I.

1. Appreciates

the effort to address excessive use of plastics, their impact on environment as well as the role of plastics in the framework of circular economy and perceives the submitted strategy as an important part of reaching the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals;

2. Appreciates also

that the strategy should support new plastic industry where the design and production of plastics and plastic products will be based on the need of their reuse and recycling;

3. Points out

that the first priority of the waste management regarding the prevention of waste is not sufficiently emphasized in the strategy; therefore the strategy should contain measures which will minimize these types of plastic products;

4. Is of the opinion

that the overproduction of very cheap plastic is currently the main issue; the natural materials and recycled plastic cannot compete with this plastic due to higher production costs;

5. Supports therefore

the effort to address the issue of plastics at the beginning of the product's life cycle as well as the effort to use recycled plastic, increase the demand for recycled materials and reduce the amount of hazardous substances in recycled materials;

6. Points out,

in accordance with the position of the Government, that the submitted strategy for plastics can be perceived as very optimistic and not really taking into consideration the real situation of plastic management in the EU and the prospect, which is highly influenced e.g. by China's actions to limit importing of plastics;

7. Emphasizes

that the innovation and research, product design, criteria of public procurement or specific projects on national and regional level play an important role in circular economy;

8. Considers

raising of public awareness of negative impact of plastics on environment by providing information to the public and also availability of information about the content of hazardous substances in plastic products to be essential;

9. Supports

further evaluation of the development of circular economy and consequent setting of new long-term priorities of circular economy in the EU;

10. Notes

that existing monitoring obligations and data, which are currently transmitted to the Eurostat, are sufficient for the monitoring of circular economy;

II.

Authorises

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

Milan Štěch
sign manual
President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier