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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 21st session held on 30th April 2020

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The European Green Deal /Senate Print No. K 032/12, COM(2019) 640/

The Senate

I.

1. Got acquainted

with the European Green Deal and supports the effort to achieve climate neutrality in the EU by 2050;

2. Insists

on the preservation of unanimity voting in the area of energy taxation;

3. Notes, however,

that the Communication provides very general description of initiatives and therefore the Senate will thoroughly assess the individual initiatives only after the concrete proposals are published;

4. Considers it important, however,

that all legislative proposals under the European Green Deal are always accompanied by a detailed impact assessment, including financial costs, not only at EU level but also at the level of individual Member States, if possible;

5. Points out also

that achieving the climate neutrality in the EU by 2050 and related transformation of economy will require substantial private and public investments; the Senate is aware, however, that deepening of the climate crisis would also cause enormous costs;

6. Emphasizes

that the transition to climate neutrality must be fair, i.e. must take into consideration the different conditions, options and impacts on the Member States and their citizens;

7. Requires

the preservation of technological neutrality and the possibility of the Member State to choose its own path to achieving climate neutrality; recalls the right of the Member State to determine its energy mix based on Article 194(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

8. Considers it

also very important that the EU put great emphasis on so-called climate or green diplomacy and seek to strongly enforce commitments related to sustainable development and effective compliance with defined climate targets during the negotiations of trade agreements with third countries;

9. Requests the Government

to immediately initiate negotiations with the European Commission in order to ensure that the new rules will include effective measures ensuring the competitiveness of the European enterprises vis-à-vis third countries with looser environmental legislation as well as measures for mitigation of economic impacts of revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) on the heating sector, to which 3.5 million residents of the Czech Republic are connected;

II.

Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the Government of the Czech Republic and the European Commission.

Miloš Vystrčil
sign manual
President of the Senate

Pavel Štohl
sign manual
Senate Verifier