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THE SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
12<sup>TH</sup> TERM

**207<sup>TH</sup>**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 10<sup>th</sup> session held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council A more efficient and democratic decision making in EU energy and climate policy /Senate Print No. K 020/12, COM(2019) 177/**

**The Senate**

**I.**

**1. Is of the opinion**

that the protection of environment and reduction of pace and consequences of climate changes should be one of the priorities of the Government of the Czech Republic, as well as of all the Member States of the European Union and the rest of the world;

**2. Therefore recommends**

that the Government of the Czech Republic make a maximum effort when addressing this issue which profoundly affects both imminent and distant future not only of the citizens of the European continent;

**3. Considers**

the taxation of energy products to be crucial regarding the potential impacts on the transparency and undistorted functioning of the internal market, as well as on the competitiveness of the European economy in the global context, including reduction of emissions of all kind;

**4. Recalls in this context**

that the current legal framework for energy taxation does not prevent the Member States from introducing so-called environmental taxes and that the needs and specific conditions of the economics of the Member States, reliability and technological neutrality, if they correspond with the ecological limits, should be taken into account when seeking a suitable setting of energy products taxation in the EU;

**5. Supports**

the position of the Government which defends maintaining the unanimous decision-making and special legislative procedure in taxation issues in the area of energy and climate;

**6. Adds**

that the Commission states that the Euratom Treaty provides the most advanced legal framework in the world in the areas of nuclear safety, waste management and radiation protection and therefore the Senate does not understand the proposal of the Commission to establish a High Level Group of Experts whose task will be to assess the state of play of the Euratom Treaty;

**7. Therefore does not support**

the proposed revision of the Euratom Treaty;

**II.**

**1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this resolution was taken into account;

**2. Authorises**

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

Jaroslav Kubera  
sign manual  
President of the Senate

Jaromír Strnad  
sign manual  
Senate Verifier