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THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

11TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 5th session held on 8th March 2017

on the Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems and regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 (Text with relevance for the EEA and Switzerland) /Senate Print no. N 021/11, COM(2016) 815/

The Senate

I.

1. Points out

that the right of EU citizens and their families to move freely and reside within their economic activity in any EU country is one of the four fundamental freedoms enshrined in the EU Treaties;

2. Is of the opinion

that the system of coordination of social security systems of the Member States is a prerequisite for the free movement of persons;

II.

1. Welcomes

the clarification of the circumstances in which the Member States can limit access to social benefits claimed by economically inactive EU mobile citizens;

2. Agrees

with the extension of the period for the export of unemployment benefits to another Member States to at least 6 months because this measure supports the mobility of workers and free movement of persons;

3. Supports

the proposed modification of the rules for the payment of unemployment benefits to cross-border employees because this modification is based on the principle that the social benefits should be provided by the state in which the employee was insured;

4. Does not support

the possibility of the Member States to require that persons who have become unemployed had to have completed a period of at least 3 months of insurance on its territory before they can claim unemployment benefits based on previous experience in another Member State;

5. Points out

that the proposed modifications must not lead to excessive burden on the social security authorities;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations once the political agreement of the required number of Member States on the main elements of the proposal is reached, or at an earlier time, should the results of negotiations in the Council begin to depart considerably from the position of the Czech Republic expressed in the General Position of the Government;

2. Authorises

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

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sign manual
President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier