

# THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC 8. FUNKČNÍ OBDOBÍ

## $134^{\text{th}}$

### **RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the  $\mathbf{6}^{th}$  session held on 16 March 2011

#### on the parliamentary scrutiny of the foreign and defence policy

#### The Senate

#### I.

**1. Is convinced** that, after the termination of activities of the European Security and Defence Assembly - the Assembly of Western European Union, a platform for scrutiny of the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Common Security and Defence Policy of the EU by national Parliaments, which will replace the current Conference of Foreign Affairs Committees Chairmen and Conference of Defence Committees Chairmen needs to maintained;

**2. Proposes** that the Conference meet regularly twice a year, composed of six representatives of foreign and defence committees from each national Parliament;

**3. Proposes** that the Conference take place in the country currently presiding the Council of the EU;

**4. Expresses the conviction** that, in order to have a complex debate, it should be possible to invite representatives of non-EU countries;

**5. Proposes** that the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and six representatives of the European Parliament were regularly invited to the Conference meetings;

**6. Considers** the proposal presented by the Belgian Presidency for the purposes of the meeting of the Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU in light of the above mentioned statements to be unacceptable, especially as regards the proposed representation of the European Parliament on the Conference meetings;

II.

**Authorises** the President of the Senate to present this position to the Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU which is to be held on April 4 - 5, 2011.

Milan Štěch sign manual President of the Senate

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