



# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

## SENATE

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## COMMITTEE on EU AFFAIRS

### 194<sup>th</sup> RESOLUTION

delivered on the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species**

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Following introductory information from Mr. Tomáš Tesař, Deputy Minister of the Environment, following the rapporteur's report by Senator Jan Látko and after a debate

#### The Committee

**I. Adopts**

a recommendation on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species, attached to this Resolution;

**II. Recommends**

that the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic give a statement on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species, in accordance with the recommendation adopted by the Committee;

**III. Appoints**

Senator Jan Látko the Committee's rapporteur at the plenary session of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic;

**IV. Authorises**

the Committee Chairperson Senator Miroslav Krejča to submit this Resolution to the President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

**Miroslav Krejča**

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Committee Chairperson

**Jan Látko**

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Committee Rapporteur

**Tomáš Grulich**

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Committee Verifier

## **Recommendation to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species**

The Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

### **I.**

#### **1. Welcomes**

the effort of the European Commission to engage in solving of wide-ranging issues of the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species;

#### **2. Supports**

the creation of a needed EU-wide framework resulting in the prevention, minimization and mitigation of adverse impacts of invasive alien species on biodiversity and ecosystems in the EU;

### **II.**

#### **1. Acknowledges**

that the relevant Czech strategic documents (such as the State Environmental Policy of the Czech Republic 2012-2020, the State Nature and Landscape Protection Programme, the National Biodiversity Strategy) reflect the fact that invasive alien species are a serious factor causing a decline in biodiversity, and in this context the Senate supports proper implementation of the above-mentioned documents;

#### **2. Is aware of**

the need for a comprehensive solution to the issue of invasive alien species that has to be based on the coordination and implementation of measures in all relevant sectors (i.e. in agriculture, forestry, fishery, veterinary and phytosanitary area, but also in territorial planning and transport), adding that it will be further necessary to take into account the climate change impact on spreading of invasive alien species;

#### **3. Finds it important**

to keep a natural balance between native plant and animal species and non-invasive alien species, i.e. species that spread spontaneously and naturally as a result of land use changes, creation or interruption of wildlife corridors and global climate change, or species introduced to Europe intentionally, and to maintain, at the same time, the widest genetic spectrum of plant and animal species enabling natural evolution;

#### **4. Calls attention**

to certain shortcomings of the Proposal for a Regulation, such as its primary focus on mere 50 invasive alien species of Union concern, adding that these 50 species comprise only 0,5 % of the total number of invasive alien species in the EU, and warns against a possible increase in administrative load for the Member States resulting from implementation of this Proposal;

#### **5. Points out**

the fact that the situation concerning invasive alien species varies widely in individual Member States and their regions, and therefore considers it fundamental to maintain a necessary level of flexibility for individual regions with a view to enabling them to take effective action against these species;

### **III.**

#### **1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with information on the further proceeding of negotiations;

**2. Authorises**

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