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

**299<sup>th</sup>**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 10<sup>th</sup> session held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**on the European Defence Industry and European Defence Fund Package**

**Senate Print no. N 055/11, COM(2017) 294** - Proposal for a Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry

**Senate Print no. K 056/11, COM(2017) 295** - Communication from the Commission to the European parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Launching the European Defence Fund

**The Senate**

**I.**

**Welcomes**

the Commission's initiatives focused on the support of European defence research and development and on the effectivity of European defence industry and state expenditures in this area;

**II.**

**1. Agrees**

with the Position of the Government and supports the positions that the Government has decided to hold on this issue at EU level;

**2. Does not agree**

with the reduction in financial resources for the GALILEO, COPERNICUS and CEF programmes in connection with financing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme and the European Defence Fund;

**3. Considers it crucial**

that small and medium-sized enterprises are involved in the financed projects, preferably by means of cross-border cooperation;

**4. Considers it important**

that the financing of defence research is opened to universities and public research institutions;

**5. Emphasizes**

that the concrete form of the Program and of the Fund must ensure equal conditions for small and medium-sized enterprises and large corporations and for small and large Member States;

**6. Points out**

that individual needs, priorities and interests of the Member States in the area of defence policy and the particulars of defence industry in the individual Member States must be taken into account as much as possible and that it is necessary to ensure equal conditions in the defence products market and in the security of supply of defence material;

**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.

Milan Štěch  
sign manual  
President of the Senate

Lumír Kantor  
sign manual  
Senate Verifier