



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 21st session held on 29th May 2014

on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the strengthening of certain aspects of the presumption of innocence and of the right to be present at trial in criminal proceedings (Senate Press no. N 106/09)

on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on procedural safeguards for children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings (Senate Press no. N 107/09)

on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on provisional legal aid for suspects or accused persons deprived of liberty and legal aid in European arrest warrant proceedings (Senate Press no. N 108/09)

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the proposed directives as it is in the interest of the citizens of the Czech Republic that the standards that the Czech Republic already fulfils in principle are applied also in the other Member States, and that judicial cooperation in criminal matters, including mutual recognition of judgements in criminal matters, which is necessary within the EU, is not hampered by potential distrust;

2. Particularly welcomes

the clarification of the rules related to the execution of European Arrest Warrant;

II.

1. Appreciates

that the proposed directives, in accordance with the principle of proportionality, do not contain too detailed provisions, thus enabling to take into consideration different national legal systems and traditions and a possible higher level of protection guaranteed by the legal orders of the Member States;

2. Supports

the Government's request for a reduction in the scope of collected statistics that do not have any clear added value and place an excessive administrative burden on the police and judicial authorities, whose fast and efficient functioning is crucial for the rule of law;

3. Considers

that it is necessary to clarify the term "legal aid" in order to take account of different concepts of reimbursement of costs of criminal proceedings in the Member States;

III.

1. Requests

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

2. Authorises

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

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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier