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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 19th session held on 19th March 2014

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 /Senate Press no. N 095/09/

The Senate

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.

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