



THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 23rd session held on 14 June 2012

on the accounting rules for land use related to climate change /Senate Press no. K 155/08 and N 156/08)

The Senate

I.

1. **Is aware** of the importance and potential of soil and forests in respect of absorption of greenhouse gases and carbon fixation both in soils and in biomass growing thereon;
2. **Recalls** its Resolution No. 555 of 22 September 2010 on the Green Paper on Forest Protection and Information in the EU: Preparing forests for climate change, which stressed the importance of soil and healthy forests to reduce the negative effects of the so-called greenhouse effect;

II.

1. **Considers** emissions in the context of Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) to be measurable only very complicatedly, and therefore does not share the unambiguous belief, that this area should be included into the reduction targets of the European Union;
2. **Fears** a possible duplication of the Member States' obligations defined by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on the one hand and the legislation of the European Union on the other hand, which could result in an increase of the administrative burden;
3. **Shares** the doubts of the government in respect of the benefits of the elaboration of action plans;

4. **Stresses**, that conservation of soil quality and its acreage is a condition for effective possibility of carbon fixation in soils;

III.

1. **Requests**

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

2. **Authorises**

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

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