



**THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
8TH TERM**

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 14th session held on 8 December 2011

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council – Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2011 – 2012 /Senate Press no. K 103/08/

The Senate

I.

1. Regards

the membership of the Western Balkan countries in the European Union as an important guarantee not only of stability in the region, but also of stability, prosperity and democracy in Europe, and therefore supports their accession under clearly defined conditions;

2. Maintains a position

that the progress of the candidates towards fulfilment of accession criteria to the EU should be measured and concrete steps allowed solely on the basis of an objective assessment of their current preparedness;

II.

1. Supports

the signing of the accession treaty with Croatia;

2. Appreciates

the enhanced effort of Serbia in the accession process and supports the granting of candidate status provided it maintains this effort;

3. Believes

that the bilateral issues of Turkey will be dealt with promptly to unblock its EU accession negotiations;

4. Hopes

that Montenegro's satisfactory results stemming from the Commission's Opinion will lead to the opening of accession negotiations;

5. Recommends

to declare support to the opening of accession negotiations with former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia based on repeatedly received positive assessment by the Commission;

6. Is aware of

the current political situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and expresses support to its long-term goal to move towards EU membership while fulfilling all the necessary prerequisites;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account, and about further initiatives following this Communication;

2. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch
sign manual
President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier