THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC SENATE



7th term

297th RESOLUTION

OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 11th session held on 7 October 2009

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply and repealing Directive 2004/67/EC

(Senate Press no. N 065/07)

The Senate

I. Welcomes

the proposal for a regulation concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply as an appropriate reaction to the Russia – Ukraine gas conflict from January 2009 followed by cut-off in gas supplies to Central and Eastern Europe and subsequent problems of this region, which has been requested already in April 2009 by the Committee on Economy, Agriculture and Transport in the resolution No. 64;

II.

1. Is of the opinion

that the aim of proposed measures can be better fulfilled by a directive which would take into consideration national particularities of each Member State, and that the directive should be based on Art. 100 of the Treaty establishing the EC which provides legal basis for measures in case that severe difficulties arise in supply of certain products, which corresponds to the situation in question;

2. Suggests

to consider on the one hand the reduction of critical thresholds of N-1 indicator describing the ability of the gas infrastructure's capacity to supply the gas for maximal demand in the calculated area in case of disruption of the largest infrastructure, and on the other hand the increase of critical thresholds beyond which the Commission may declare a Community Emergency;

3. Supports

the position of the Government with the emphasis on the investments to the development of gas transmission grids and on the construction of interconnectors between the Member States;

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 ensuing legislation;

2. Authorises

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

P emysl Sobotka sign manual President of the Senate

Dagmar Zv inová sign manual Senate Verifier