THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
9TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE
Delivered on the 12th session held on 21st August 2013

the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes
of research, studies, pupil exchange, remunerated and unremunerated training,
voluntary service and au pairing (Recast) /Senate Press no. N 052/09/

The Senate

I.

1. Supports
   the efforts of the European Commission to improve rules for researchers, students,
pupils, unremunerated trainees and volunteers who are third-country nationals,
and thus to contribute to the development of cultural and economic relations
between the EU and third countries;

2. Considers
   measures that would enable the European Union to enhance its popularity as a
world centre of excellence to be beneficial and useful;

II.

1. Points out
   that the proposed EU directive is problematic in many ways and does not seem
appropriate and effective as to the above mentioned goal;

2. Believes
   that it is not beneficial to cover groups as different as researchers and students,
and especially au-pairs and remunerated trainees, in a single legislative act;

3. Does not agree
   with the proposed protective period of twelve months for third-country nationals
following completion of their studies because not only does the directive fail to
regulate the legal responsibility for these persons, but it is also in conflict with the
currently proposed Czech legislation that contains a period of three months;

4. Does not consider
   it appropriate that under the simplified regime, foreign students could be
accompanied by their family members during their studies;
5. **Is of the opinion**
   that the proposed period of thirty days for handling applications for a residence permit may be too short in case of certain European educational programmes;

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 European Commission.

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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier