



**PARLIAMENT
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**
Chamber of Deputies
Ondřej Benešík
Chairman
Committee for European Affairs

Prague, 8th October 2014

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2008/98/EC on waste, 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment /Council No. 11598/14, COM(2014) 397 final/ and

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Towards a circular economy: A zero waste programme for Europe /Council No. 11592/14, COM(2014) 398 final/.

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 19th session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 2nd October 2014. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies a Deputy Minister of Environment and a Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade were present at the session to introduce the preliminary government's framework position.

After the hearing of the rapporteur's review and after the discussion the Committee has adopted the resolution No. 90 which is enclosed to this letter. According to this resolution the Committee i. a. considers that the Commission staff working document, a summary of the impact assessment, accompanying the document to the Proposal for a Directive is specifically in the matter of assessing the costs associated with collecting and processing waste too minimalist and does not sufficiently deal with the issue of financial burden for the Member States.

Enclosure

Mr. José Manuel Barroso
President of the European Commission

Brussels

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Resolution No. 90

19nd session on 2nd October 2014

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Conclusions of the Resolution:

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1. **takes into account** the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Towards a circular economy: A zero waste programme for Europe /Council No. 11592/14, COM(2014) 398 final/;
2. **takes into account** the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2008/98/EC on waste, 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment /Council No. 11598/14, COM(2014) 397 final/;
3. **supports** the government's framework position to the Communication;
4. **supports** the government's framework position to the Proposal for a Directive;
5. **considers** that the Commission staff working document, a summary of the impact assessment, accompanying the document to the Proposal for a Directive is specifically in the matter of assessing the costs associated with collecting and processing waste too minimalist and does not sufficiently deal with the issue of financial burden for the Member States;

6. **considers** that an early warning system poses an excessive administrative burden on the underperforming Member States and does not necessarily have to assure that they meet the targets on time;

7. **recommends** to the Government aiming to considerable limitation of the empowering of the Commission to adopt delegated acts while negotiating the Proposal for a Directive in the EU Council;

8. **considers** that only the general reservation of general non-infringement to the internal market without any further specification cannot sufficiently avoid that different national requirements on design of products aiming to reduce environmental impact distort the internal market;

9. **considers** that the minimum requirements set out in the annex to the draft directive for revising goals and simplification of the mechanisms for monitoring compliance (COM (2014) 397 final - ANNEX 1), which must be respected by Member States when applying extended producer responsibility for, are too extensive.