

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

Prague, 26th May 2015

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 Annex Road map for the Energy Union to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - A Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy /Council No. 6594/15, COM(2015) 80 final/ and

on the annexes to the Communication from the Commission to the EUropean Parliament and the Council - Achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target Making Europe's electricity grid fit for 2020 /Council No. 6595/15, COM(2015) 82 final/

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 31th session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 15th April 2015. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies a Deputy Minister Industry and Trade was 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. 142 which is enclosed to this letter.

Enclosure

Mr. Jean-Claude JunckerPresident of the European Commission

Brussels

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Chamber of Deputies Committee for European Affairs

Resolution No. 142

31nd session on 15nd April 2015

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Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

- 1. welcomes the debate on further direction of EU policy on energy and climate;
- 2. **considers** that the gradual transformation to a low carbon economy in the EU should reflect national conditions of Member States, respect technological neutrality without prior exclusion of some types of energy sources and, in particular, it has to be cost-effective;
- 3. **emphasizes** the right of the Member States to determine the conditions for exploiting its energy resources, the choice between them and determining the general structure of energy supply. Stresses the limits of further integration in the energy agenda given by the EU primary law;
- 4. **supports** the EU internal energy market integration;
- 5. **considers appropriate** to coordinate better the Member States approach to energy partners outside the EU and stresses the need for mutual solidarity between Member States, especially in situations of energy crises and failures of energy supply;
- 6. **considers as a priority** for the nearest future the completion of the energy infrastructure, especially cross-border interconnections, besides the completion of the internal energy market, it considers the development of the energy infrastructure as an important contribution to increase energy security;
- 7. **believes** that the EU targets set for the period up to 2030 on increasing energy efficiency and the share of energy from renewable sources should be kept in its current form and should not be further raised;

- 8. **agrees** with the declared approach to renewable energy sources, the support of renewable energy must be made by carried out by means of market mechanisms while ensuring cost-effectiveness and avoiding of overcompensation or market disruptions;
- 9. authorizes the Committee Chairman to inform the European Commission about this resolution;
- 10. **authorizes** the Committee Chairman to forward this resolution for information to the Committee of Economic Affairs.