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PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC THE SENATE

PŘEMYSL SOBOTKA PRESIDENT

Prague, September 23, 2010

Your Excellency,

I beg to send you a reasoned opinion adopted by the Czech Senate plenary in compliance with the Article 6 of the Protocol No. 2 of the Lisbon Treaty on September 22, 2010 on Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of seasonal employment.

With respect to the long-term position of the Czech Senate declared at various interparliamentary events, be it the Conference of Speakers, COSAC or regional meetings, I suppose that the fundamental prerequisite for responsible exercising of preliminary subsidiarity check (early warning system) is an effective coordination and timely information exchange between national parliaments.

Since the Lisbon Treaty entered into force, the above mentioned directive is the first draft legislation act that has made both the Czech Government and our parliamentary chamber resolve that its adoption is not necessary and that the appropriate level of legal regulation might be set up by the member states individually according to the needs of their respective labour markets.

I am delighted that several parliamentary chambers of the EU member states have decided to examine whether the proposal is in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity. We can ensure only by consistently carrying out the role of legislative bodies that the provisions of the Lisbon Treaty devoted to the principle of subsidiarity assuming the high quora for applying the mechanism of yellow or orange card will not remain just empty letters.

Therefore I would like to recommend the above mentioned proposal of the European Commission to your attention and I am looking forward to your reaction.

Yours sincerely