The Senate

I.

1. **Recognises** the potential of new genomic techniques (NGT) which can contribute to meeting the objectives of the European Green Deal, EU Farm to Fork Strategy, and EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 as well as to the sustainability of the agri-food system;

2. **Supports** therefore submitted Proposal for a Regulation which aims to enable the development and placing on the market of plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques (NGT plants) and plant products produced from such plants, ensure the effective functioning of the internal market and enhance the competitiveness of the EU agri-food sector at the European and global levels, and ensure level-playing field for operators while maintaining a high level of protection of human and animal health and the environment, in accordance with the precautionary principle;

3. **Agrees** that the Proposal
   a) should establish procedures for deliberate release and placing on the market of NGT plants and products produced from such plants which ensure that these plants and their products are as safe as their conventional counterparts, while not entailing unnecessary regulatory burden;
   b) should allow the deliberate release and placing on the market of NGT plants and food and feed produced from such plants that feature a wide range of plant species and characteristics and can contribute to the sustainability of the agri-food system;

4. **Points out, however**, that the Proposal must not restrict the access to NGT plants, especially to the NGT1 category, for small and medium breeders, lead to possible monopolisation of the sector, prevent the production of varieties for local
conditions, and thus lead to the decline of the entire Czech breeding sector which is traditionally at a high level; varieties of the NGT1 category are undistinguishable from plants obtained by conventional breeding techniques and therefore, it is necessary to prohibit the patenting of NGT1 products directly in the text of NGT Regulation;

II.

1. **Requests** the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31st March 2024 about the way this Resolution was taken into account and about the further development of negotiations;

2. **Authorises** the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

Miloš Vystrčil

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President of the Senate

Jan Holásek

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Senate Verifier