



**Extraordinary Meeting of the Association of European Senates  
organized at the occasion of the 10th anniversary  
of the renewal of the Czech Senate**

**Prague, September 28 - 29, 2006**

**FINAL DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENCY**

The heads of delegations of the upper chambers that have taken part in the extraordinary meeting of the Association of European Senates,

- congratulate the Czech Senate at the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its renewal and wish it to keep on occupying a fruitful position on the Czech and European political scene;
- note that the existence of bi-cameral parliaments contributes to the balance of institutions, to an improved quality of the legislation and to the efficiency of the legislative process, allows at once a better performance of the legislative and control functions belonging to the parliament and makes possible as well a fuller representation of diverse groups;
- welcome the decision of the European Commission to transfer directly to national parliaments all new propositions and discussion papers, express at once the hope that the new model of communication shall contribute to the simplification of European legislation and to bring it closer to citizens and appeal to the Commission for taking into account opinions of national parliaments, especially those related to respecting the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;
- underline the need to further develop the cooperation between national parliaments in the area of the control of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles;
- express the firm conviction that the 9th meeting of the Association hosted in 2007 by the Romanian Senate shall bring as previous meetings did an interesting and inspiring exchange of views.



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