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## NOTE

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## Statement by the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic welcomed swift reaction of the European Commission to the extraordinary situation caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and the needs of the Member States. The extension of the transposition period of the technical pillar of 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package is crucial in these uncertain and difficult times.

During the negotiations of the draft Directive the Czech Republic strongly advocated for a sufficient delay to transposition in view to complete the necessary legislative process at national level, reflecting extraordinary circumstances caused by COVID-19 outbreak.

Therefore, the Czech Republic expresses its deep disappointment as the proposed four-month extension does not solve the problems that some Member States are facing. Current gradual loosening of lockdown shows additional issues that are needed to be tackled and the crisis is not getting closer to the end. Economic recovery programs will overwhelm national parliaments in forthcoming months.

Harmonized implementation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package is a vital prerequisite for further development of the Single European Railway Area. In this respect, proper extension of the transposition period would secure legal clarity, reassure all railway stakeholders and avoid potential problems that could emerge this autumn. Upcoming incoherent legal framework will hit the railway sector mainly in area of vehicle approvals. Activities of national safety authorities can be also negatively affected, especially in the field of certifications, vehicle approvals and training of experts.

The Czech Republic also regrets the decision to follow the European Parliament position without entering the negotiations, which could be very swift and efficient. Such approach might create a dangerous precedent from the institutional point of view. The European Parliament could take advantage of current Council's attitude in future in other dossiers.

For these reasons, the Czech Republic abstains from voting on the adoption of the draft Directive.

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