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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights and Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 on air carrier liability in respect of the carriage of passengers and their baggage by air – Comments from the Czech Republic on the Presidency non-paper (questions 11 to 14)

Delegations will find, in Annex, comments from **the Czech Republic** on questions 11 to 14 of the Presidency non-paper.

Proposal amending Regulation (EC) No 261/2004

Replies of Czechia to the questions 11 - 14 (WK 9/2025)

11. Does your delegation consider the levels of compensation proposed under the HR Presidency as appropriate?

CZ considers the proposed compensation amounts to be reasonable.

The primary aim of the regulation and passenger protection should not be to pay compensation, but to provide adequate care and assistance and to try to get the passengers to their final destination as quickly as possible.

12. Does your delegation consider that a reduced compensation for flights up to 1500km if the delay is between 3 and 5 hours is appropriate?

CZ does not support setting another limit for compensation if the delay is between 3-5 hours. Therefore, we also do not support a reduced compensation for flights up to 1500km. We believe that our common goal should be the simplicity of the regulation, which everyone is asking for.

13. Besides the distance or the delay, does your delegation consider it would be appropriate to establish the compensation in relation to the full price of the ticket like this is the case in other transport modes (e.g. rail)?

CZ does not support this method of calculating compensation. The price of the tickets varies depending on the tariff, the services included, the purchase date, and it also covers airport fees, security fees, taxes, etc. If we understand compensation as an offset for the inconvenience and troubles of passengers in case of flight delays, cancellations or denied boarding, then all passengers are exposed to the same waiting / suffering and they should be compensated equally.

14. Does your delegation consider it would be appropriate to build into the Regulation a mechanism for updating the compensation amounts in line with inflation?

CZ does not consider it appropriate to include in the Regulation a mechanism for updating the amount of compensation in line with inflation. Building such a mechanism would increase the complexity of the text. However, we are open to discussion on a review mechanism.