**OPINION
OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET COUNCIL**
of 23 April 2018 No 2/2018
**on setting consolidated expenditure frameworks of the state budget and state funds
for the period 2019–2021**

**The National Budget Council**

**I. expresses an approving opinion**

1. pursuant to Section 10 (2) of Act No. 23/2017 Coll., on the rules of budgetary responsibility, towards the impact of one-off and transitional operations on revenues and expenditures of the sector of public institutions for the period 2019–2021,
2. pursuant to Section 12 (5) of Act No. 23/2017 Coll., on the rules of budgetary responsibility, towards setting of consolidated expenditure frameworks of the state budget and state funds for the period 2019–2021

**II. recommends the government of the Czech Republic** to set actual expenditures of the state budget and state funds lower than the level of expenditures determined by the cash consolidated expenditure frameworks of the state budget and state funds. The full exhaustion of expenditure frameworks would lead to a fiscal expansion, which at the current stage of the business cycle is not desirable as it could further deepen macroeconomic imbalances. An incomplete draw on expenditure frameworks would on the other hand create a room for active fiscal policy in case of an unexpected deterioration in economic development.

Note:
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