



Parliament of Romania  
Senate

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Bucharest, 24th October 2016

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**OPINION**

**of the SENATE OF ROMANIA**

**on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 for a resilient Energy Union and to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change**

**COM (2016) 482 final**

The Senate of Romania has examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 for a resilient Energy Union and to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change - COM (2016) 482 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for European Affairs no. LXII/680/18.10.2016, **the plenum of the Senate**, during its session of 24th October 2016, has decided the following:

- (1) It is ascertained that this proposal of Regulation complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

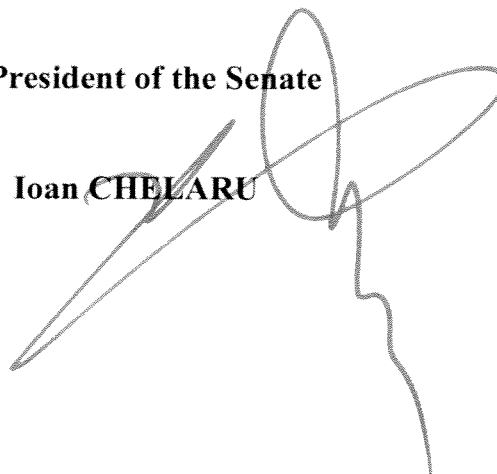
The proposal is part of the Energy Union Package and implements the EU's commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. The proposal sets targets for the Member States in the non-ETS sectors, so that the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions at EU level, in these sectors, be of -30% in 2030 compared to 2005, taking account of the environmental integrity assurance.

In view of an equitable reduction at the EU level, the proposal sets the minimum contributions of the Member States to the reductions of emissions for the period 2021-2030, taking into account the economic differences between them, as well as the rules establishing the annual quotas of emissions and the evaluation of progress made. The increased flexibility allows Member States to achieve the national targets and the adjustments ensure the consistency of the target regarding the emissions set at the whole EU level for 2030. The system of governance is an important tool that supports the progress towards achieving the targets of long-term reduction of emissions in the EU.

- (2) It is considered that, Romania participates at the EU's efforts in the climate change field and supports the adoption of the legislative tools for the implementation of the *2030 Framework* allowing the achievement of the commitments assumed by the EU and the Member States, in this field.
- (3) It is recommended and underlined the fact that, at the establishment of the national targets of reduction, it is extremely important to ensure the economic convergence between all the Member States, including by reducing the macroeconomic disparities in the EU.

**p. President of the Senate**

**Ioan CHELARU**

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