



Parlamentul României Senat

Bucharest, October 2019

Courtesy translation

OPINION of the SENATE OF ROMANIA

*regarding the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament
and the Council
Commission Opinion on Bosnia and Herzegovina's application for membership of
the European Union
COM (2019) 261 final*

The Romanian Senate examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Commission Opinion on Bosnia and Herzegovina's application for membership of the European Union – COM (2018) 65 final - according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 1).

Based on the report of September 25, 2019 of our permanent Committee on European Affairs, the plenum of the Senate, during its session of October 2, 2019, decided as follows:

- (1) Appreciates that:
 - a. Romania is directly interested and will endeavour to have an area of peace, stability and economic development in its immediate vicinity;
 - b. Bosnia and Herzegovina is "de facto" in the European Union, and its European path is irreversible;
 - c. Romania encourages the accession efforts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and, at the same time, underlines that it is necessary to continue the reforms in order to reduce the disparities and inequities, as well as to fulfil the political criteria;
- (2) Recalls the position of the Parliament of Romania regarding the enlargement policy of the EU, mentioned in point 11 of the Declaration of the Inter-parliamentary Conference on the Future of the European Union, organized in Bucharest: The enlargement policy is one of the successful common policies. We believe that the European Union should maintain its commitment to support the countries willing to join the Union in consolidating their institutions and the economic and social development; a strong cooperation with the countries in the neighbourhood on the fields of migration and security would create a safer society for all of us, boosting

Europe's overall security. A credible accession perspective, keeping in mind the applicable accession criteria, remains an essential factor in the promoting process of reconciliation and stability on the continent".

President of the Senate

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Meleşcanu', written in a cursive style.

Teodor-Viorel MELEȘCANU