



ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Courtesy translation

DECISION

to adopt the Opinion on the

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council

on pre-enlargement reforms and policy reviews

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Under the provisions of Article 67 and Article 148 of the Constitution of Romania, republished, of Law No 373/2013 on the cooperation between the Parliament and the Government in the field of European Affairs, and of Articles 164-189 of the Regulation of the Chamber of Deputies, approved by the Decision of the Chamber of Deputies No 8/1994, republished, with subsequent amendments and completions,

The **Chamber of Deputies** adopts this Decision.

Sole article. – Having regard to the Opinion No 4c-22/326 adopted by the Committee on European Affairs during its meeting on May 21st, 2024, the Chamber of Deputies:

1. Supports the directions of action set out in the Communication on pre-enlargement reforms and policy reviews, as part of the reflections on the ways to improve the functioning of the European Union and its policies, as well as on future objectives of the Union, thus configured by the EU's Strategic Agenda for 2019-2024.

2. Considers that the current international context, marked by unprecedented challenges, must be a catalyst of debates on Union reform and strengthening European security.

3. Notes the appreciation that the process of enlargement of the Union and that of its preparation for the admission of new members should proceed in parallel, and stresses that these two processes must not be mutually conditional.

4. Supports making full use of the provisions of the Union treaties currently in force and continuing to reflect on the Union's institutional reforms. Looks forward to future analyses and reflections on the revision of sectoral policies announced by the European Commission, including in anticipation of the next multiannual financial framework.

5. Agrees with the assertion of the Union's strategic interest in the direction of its enlargement and recalls its constant position for advancing the Union's enlargement process, both in the Western Balkans region and in the Union's eastern neighborhood, in line with an ambitious and predictable timetable.

6. Reaffirms its position that membership is a strategic option requiring the consistent adoption and promotion of European values as a whole, including through alignment with the common foreign and security policy, in the current geopolitical context and in view of the risk of developments threatening peace and the world order.

7. Stresses the need to avoid any delay in the process of accession to the Union caused by bilateral issues and to support candidate countries in addressing the challenges in order to carry out the necessary reforms.

8. Recommends that in the progressive integration of candidate countries into Union policies, particular attention must be paid to those measures that can lead to reducing dependency on third countries, in particular with regard to critical raw materials and increasing the competitiveness of the Union economy, increasing resilience and security of supply of resources, as well as competitive prices for goods and services. It highlights the particular importance of identifying and promoting those conditions necessary for achieving socio-economic and territorial convergence.

9. Recalls the need to maintain substantial and predictable political and financial support for Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.

10. Recommends exploring the possibilities to increase the information of citizens of candidate countries on the concrete and positive results, with a direct impact, derived from Union membership.

11. Supports strengthening coordination on strategic communication as well as stepping up efforts to support candidate countries in tackling disinformation and hybrid threats.

12. Reaffirms the importance of supporting civil society in the candidate countries in order to bring them closer to the values and standards of the European Union.

This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies during its session on June 3rd, 2024, in compliance with the provisions of Article 76 (2) of the Constitution of Romania, republished.

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