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## **Open letter to the Romanian political class**

Having followed with increased concern the recent political developments in Romania, the “Romania-UE” Club Brussels would like to draw the attention of Romanian politicians to the negative impact of their actions at national and international level.

The “Romania-UE” Club recognizes the Parliament’s right to use all means provided for in the Romanian Constitution. At the same time however, the Club hereby declares its disapproval of any attempts to change existing laws with the sole purpose of influencing the results of the referendum on 19 May 2007. Finally, we express our concern with regard to the fact that certain Constitutional provisions have been used to bring to the fore-front of the Romanian political life persons with close links to the Communist regime and with obvious anti-reform views.

In our view, the current political situation has led to more consequences than just an image problem. Several EU Member States, among which The Netherlands and Sweden, have expressed their concern about the current political crisis in Romania and, more importantly, have called for a close monitoring of Romania’s performance vis-à-vis its EU membership conditions. It is very likely that Romania will not be in a position to absorb the EU funds it is entitled to and which would work to the benefits of its citizens. Finally, there is a risk that the safeguard clause may be activated, which will do enormous damage to Romania both at home and abroad.

The « Romania-UE » Club has been a constant and impartial promoter of Romania’s image in Brussels since 2003. In view of this position, and considering an earlier message to the Romanian political class, the Club calls upon all Romanian politicians to ensure that, regardless of any change in the political landscape, Romania continues to fulfill the Copenhagen criteria for membership, continues to function by the rule of law, and ensures the proper functioning of all its institutions, as it is required of any European Union Member State.

Given its many members’ direct involvement in European affairs, the “Romania-EU” Club is in a privileged position to directly observe the concerns of many political figures in various EU institutions with regard to the situation in Romania. Our members reserve the right to contact key EU representatives to discuss the current state of affairs and find ways to solve it that are appropriate for the civil society.

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### Note for the Editor:

**The Club “Romania-UE” Brussels** was founded in 2003 and it represents the voice of Romanian civil society in Brussels. The Club currently counts around 90 members who live and work in Belgium in various areas of activity including, but not limited to, European affairs. Although a young organization, the Club has already been involved in the organization of various topical activities. The Club is financially independent and has no political or religious affiliation. The Club is also independent from any governmental structure or political party from either Romania or the EU.