



Parlamentul României
Senat

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OPINION

of the ROMANIAN SENATE, on the

**Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the
Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and
related products**

COM (2012) 788 final

The Senate of Romania has checked the compliance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles of the **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products - COM (2012) 788 final**, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of our permanent Committee on Public Health, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session on the 4th of March 2013, has found that the mentioned proposal **is in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity**, considering that the objective to improve the functioning of the internal market in tobacco and related products, taking as a basis a high level of health protection, can be achieved through a legislation adopted at EU level.

The Senate of Romania supports the proposal, especially, the measures meant to discourage smoking among children and young people under the age of 18.

The Senate of Romania considers that it is necessary to analyse at European level the possibility of granting compensatory measures to the parties affected by that proposal of directive.

President
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