



*Parlamentul României*  
*Senat*

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**Bucharest, 3rd June 2013**

**Courtesy translation**

**OPINION**  
**OF THE SENATE OF ROMANIA**

**on the consultative Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - The 2015 International Climate Change Agreement: Shaping international climate policy beyond 2020 - COM (2013) 167 final**

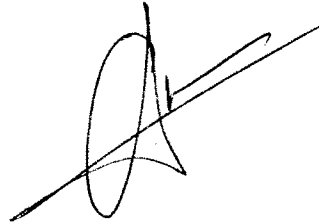
Taking into account the joint report of the Committee for European Affairs and of the Committee for public administration, organization of the territory and protection of the environment, the plenum of the Senate, during its session of 3rd June 2013, has decided the Position of the Senate on the consultative Communication which is as following:

- a) Supports the launch of the public consultation in order to document and substantiate the position of Member States and European Union as signatories parties to the proposal for the final agreement which will be adopted by the European Commission by the end of the year and welcomes the European Commission's intervention in this area;
- b) Romania appreciates the launch of consultations to establish the European Union's position for the new global agreement, in which all Parties commit themselves to reductions of greenhouse gases emissions;
- c) Romania does not yet have a final point of view, however, we wish to express the concern about the possibility to engage us in another unilateral target, while the international partners will postpone the real engagement in the multilateral process;
- d) Romania considers essential to maintain the competitiveness of the European industry;
- e) Limiting global warming to 2° C is possible only if all the relevant international partners, mainly those who are considered the largest generators of greenhouse gases emissions, take measures to reduce emissions;
- f) Is a need for a flexible architecture that ensures the participation of all states and at the same time to take account of responsibility, capacity and national circumstances;

- g)** Emphasis should be placed on achieving measurable progress in reducing greenhouse gases emissions;
- h)** Considers that one of the new agreement's elements should consist of the manner which will ensure that states which have registered reductions of gases emissions additional or in advance will not be penalized, as well as the mechanisms to stimulate them, to overcome their commitments;
- i)** Considers that it should be exploited the idea of sector-specific agreements in order to reduce the risk of relocation;
- j)** Considers as extremely important, including implementing ways to secure financing, the use of flexible mechanisms and technology exchanges.

**p. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

**CRISTIAN SORIN DUMITRESCU**

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