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Senate

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OPINION

Regarding the COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS Report on the implementation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies

COM (2014) 209 final

The Romanian Senate examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European economic and social Committee and the Committee of the regions Report on the implementation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies - *COM (2014) 209 final* – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 1).

Taking into account the report of March 24, 2015 of our permanent Committee on European Affairs, the Plenum of the Senate decided as follows:

Despite all the progresses registered during the latest years in the ample process of Roma integration, the actual Inclusion Strategy of the Romanian citizens belonging to Roma minority of the Romanian Government for the period 2015-2020 – which has been adopted in January 2015 – is insufficient for successful resolution of the problems that Roma population is facing. Therefore, a new approach of the public policies is needed.

European legislation regarding the application of the principle of equality of treatment between persons, regardless of race or ethnic origin must be rethought in order to bind the member states to stipulate sanctions and efficient appeals to fight discrimination and to adopt targeted measures towards majority population for diminishing and eradicating the discrimination.

Taking into account that a part of Roma population conducts activities in the field of collecting reusable materials, juridical regulation of the status of ecologist worker - being defined as the person that conducts activities of sorting reusable materials needs to be implemented. This measure will support – on one hand – environmental policies, and – on the other hand – represents a measure of consolidation and also a new form of accomplishing the social economy within the domain.

President of the Senate

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