

SUMMARY
of the Decision of the Chamber of Deputies regarding the Joint Consultation Paper
"Towards a new European Neighborhood Policy" - JOIN (2015) 6

The Chamber of Deputies welcomes the launching of the Green Book on the European Neighborhood Policy and supports the principles and orientations formulated by the European Commission and the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, with the following observations:

1. The involvement of some international organizations, especially NATO and also of the international financial institutions, in reforming the neighborhood policy of the Union could increase the quality of its management.
2. The rigid implementation of the principle "*more for more*" or its correlation with the principle "*less for less*" can lead to the risk of reserving too little capital for political and economic action for those states which do not want to deepen their relations with the European Union.
3. Romania has a special interest in promoting, within the summit, certain principles regarding the reform of the neighborhood policy and some evaluation criteria of the progress made by the Union's partners, which should reward the achievements of the Eastern partners in their implementation of the Association and Free-Exchange Agreements and forge a favorable perspective of European integration for these states.
4. As the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine have reasserted their option for the European integration, these states should be offered a clear European perspective so that not to have the feeling that difficult reforms are requested from them, without offering them a EU joining perspective, all the more as through the implementation of Association and Free-Exchange Agreements, most of the *acquis* of the European Union is taken over.
5. Bringing closer the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine to the European Union should become an irreversible process and the Association and Free-Exchange Agreements should be ratified in the shortest possible time by the 9 remaining Member States.
6. A new postponement of the implementation of the Association and Free-Exchange Agreement with Ukraine would be equal to demonstrating the Union's incapacity to achieve its major goals.
7. The European Union should use the real potential of its diplomatic instruments to block the actions of the Russian Federation in the East of Ukraine. Under these circumstances, there are fears as to the escalation of the tensions in the East of Europe and as to a potential use of force against some Member States of the European Union; consequently the responsible decision factors in the Union should adopt necessary and proportional measures without which the destabilization of the region could jeopardize the success of the European neighborhood policy.