

PARLIAMENT OF ROMANIA  
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

**DECISION**

**approving the Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on an Action Plan for strengthening the fight against terrorist financing (COM(2016)50)**

Pursuant to Articles 67 and 148 of the Romanian Constitution, republished, Law No 373/2013 on cooperation between Parliament and the Government in the area of European affairs, and Articles 160 to 185 of the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies, republished,

the Chamber of Deputies hereby adopts this Decision.

**Sole Article** - Having regard to Opinion No 4 c-19/400, adopted by the Committee for European Affairs at its meeting of 12 April 2016, the Chamber of Deputies:

1. calls on the Commission to make use of its diplomatic capacity and to cooperate with third countries to step up the fight against terrorism in places where it is fomented or where it is rife;
2. calls on the Commission to take a firmer stand in order to provide a more appropriate response to terrorism in the EU, whose continuity, stated objectives and scale are apt to place it within the definition of asymmetric warfare;
3. supports the Commission's approach to fighting the use of prepaid instruments such as prepaid cards by terrorists to fund the logistics of terrorist attacks anonymously, while preserving their social value and financially preventive role;
4. is in favour of streamlining asset-freezing measures on the basis of UN listings, especially in respect of designated organisations such as Al-Qaeda and Daesh/ISIS, and agrees that those measures need to be applied urgently in order to have maximum impact, as the approach is very effective and the risk of fundamental rights being affected is minimal;
5. is in favour of introducing uniform, harmonised upper limits for cash payments in all Member States;
6. urges the Commission to make every effort to refine and finalise the two Regulations imposing restrictions on the trade in cultural objects illicitly removed from Iraq and Syria and providing a legal basis for import checks so as to widen their scope, as the illicit trade in cultural goods has also a major social impact and affects the solidarity of the states from which they are illegally removed, with long-term repercussions in terms of their recovery;
7. supports the Commission's intention to present an EU action plan to tackle the illicit financial flows related to wildlife trafficking, and points out that it will be necessary to train customs staff to identify those species, to raise public awareness of such illicit activities, and to help to create pools of expertise both at EU level and in the Member States;
8. agrees that the EU legal framework could and should be amended to take into account the initiatives proposed under the action plan to strengthen the fight against terrorism

financing, adopt an EU blacklist to identify high-risk third countries, tackle illicit cash movements, freeze terrorists' assets, and strengthen the mutual recognition of orders to freeze and confiscate criminal assets;

9. points out that terrorist financing may be linked to other recent types of crime, such as ransomware and similar cyber-attacks, and believes that these should be combated as a constituent of terrorism in a decisive manner and as a matter of priority;

10. calls for the use of space technologies, satellite products, drones and similar technologies to be analysed and possibly regulated so as to prevent them from being used in the preparation and execution of acts of terrorism;

11. shares fully the Commission's view that acts of terrorism are one of the most serious violations of the universal values of human dignity, liberty, equality and solidarity, of human rights and of fundamental freedoms; supports and recommends creating appropriate tools that allow all authorities responsible for preventing and fighting against terrorism to protect citizens and defend European values; recommends that such tools be adapted to the constantly diversifying and specialising methods and techniques used by terrorists and to the nature of the problem and its development;

12. reiterates Romania's firm position that terrorism should be combated as a common, genuine and serious threat.

*This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies at its sitting of 10 May 2016, in compliance with Article 76(2) of the Romanian Constitution, republished.*

For the President of the Chamber of Deputies,  
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Bucharest, 10 May 2016

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