



Romanian Parliament
Senate

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OPINION

of the ROMANIAN SENATE

regarding the *COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL - Back to Schengen - A Roadmap*

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The Romanian Senate examined the *COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL - Back to Schengen - A Roadmap - COM (2016) 120 final* – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 1).

Taking into account the report of April 26, 2016 of the permanent Committee for European Affairs, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of May 3, 2016, decided as follows:

I. The following are noted:

- a. The need to obtain concrete results regarding the mechanism of transfer;
- b. Member States need to answer the request of FRONTEX by providing human resources and technical equipment;
- c. The fulfillment by Romania since 2011 of all the criteria and standards of the Schengen acquis;
- d. Confirmation by FRONTEX
 1. of the absence of any problems at the Romanian border on illegal migration;
 2. of a proper fulfillment of obligations of the EU's external border security.

II. The following are considered crucial:

- a. Concomitant application of the lack of internal border controls with the elaboration of a common policy on asylum, immigration and external border control, based on solidarity between Member States and the principle of fairness to third-country nationals;
- b. Gradual return to a full implementation of the provisions of the Dublin Regulation, with the full participation of Greece.

III. The following is recommended:

- a. The uniform and congruent application of
 1. The provisions of the Dublin Regulation in all Member States and
 2. The objectives of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility between Member States.

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