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OPINION

of the SENATE OF ROMANIA

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2016

COM (2016) 159 final

The Senate of Romania has examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2016 - COM (2016) 159 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for European Affairs no. LXII/358/20.04.2016, **the plenum of the Senate**, during its session of 25th April 2016, has decided the following:

- (1) Notes that this Regulation proposal complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;
- (2) Mentions that the level of direct payments in Romania is still below the level of direct payments in the other Member States;
- (3) Recommends to be taken into account, in the context of the crisis on the agri-food market which can not be imputed to the agricultural sector and which is manifested at European level, finding solutions and adopting European measures to support the affected sectors to benefit from Community funding but not by applying the mechanism of reduction of direct payments.

p. President of the Senate